

**Contra Costa County Coordinating Council**  
**September 7, 2012**

Revised 9/11/12 (change noted in bold)

**Present**

AT&T – Rick Parker & Michelle

Locaid – Jeff Allyn

Acalanes - Frank Acojido & Steve France

Antioch - Bob Sanchez

Brentwood – Jan Steed

Byron - Tom Jones

CCCOE – Lynn Mackey & Lindy Khan

John Swett – John Angell

Liberty – Gene Clare & Pete Cardinale

Mt. Diablo – Jonathan Roselin

Oakley – Greg Hetrick

Probation – Dialo Byrd

DA's Office – Anna Duffy

*Note: Suggestions and/or action items are noted in italics.*

**AT&T Locator Service – aka: School Protection and Attendance (SPA) Program**

- There is an updated version of Locaid
- You can also set up a geo-fence (triangulate a designated area) for sites that are interested
- A geo-fence around a school could include other businesses in the area, and each site will find this out if they pilot
- We will provide email addresses to Locaid for everyone who wishes to pilot this
- You can request that they build a geo-fence for you by sending Jeff the addresses
- Anyone, including users, may opt out at anytime; however, this will show up on their dashboard
- You can enroll students one at a time, or in a batch
- When you try to locate someone, the lower the number the more accurate it is likely to be

*John Angell asked if you could use this system to send a message to a student or a group of students. At this time, that is not possible, but they are open to these types of suggestions.*

- You can also schedule locations that happen automatically
- There are built in reports that show the number of on-demand and scheduled reports
- Scott Gerbert has created a parent permission form, which he will share with everyone as a sample to be modified for each district.
- Eyewitness – another AT&T tool that is available for issues of bullying.

**Next Steps for SPA**

1. *Can we all agree to call this the School Protection and Attendance (SPA) Program?*
2. *Confirm the districts that wish to pilot this program, and give the email addresses of the key contacts to Jeff.*
3. *Send the draft San Ramon parent permission form to everyone.*
4. *Those who are piloting the program should keep a record of suggestions, issues and concerns.*
5. *Check in periodically at the beginning of each of our Coordinating Council Meetings.*

**Updates from the DA's Office**

- The two parent cases from John Swett are both currently under court jurisdiction and are set for trial in October/November
- John said that it has already made an impact in the community
- One parent moved out of the district and then moved back
- This is only an option for parents of students through grade 8
- Bob & Jan talked about the lack of follow through in their court system
- The DA's office is aware of this, but right now there are some major challenges

- The branch courts are going to be eliminated – Commissioner positions have been eliminated – and the truancy courts are going to be moved to central county
- The time it takes to get these cases to trial is so lengthy, and Jan asked if it would be possible to go through traffic court instead.
- Mark & Anna have been to Heritage & Antioch to speak to parents regarding the issue of truancy
- If anyone else would like someone from the DA's office to speak at their school, they need to contact them
- District folks shared that the letters from the DA have been very effective

*Suggestion for Mark: positive reinforcement letters to be given to students who have made improvement*

- Anna has also been going around to schools to do presentations around bullying for teachers (1/2 hour) and students (15-20 minutes). These times can be modified to accommodate specific district/school needs.
- Park Middle School – the DA's office will be piloting an anti-violence curriculum
- Anna is also willing to participate on SARB meetings and participate in Mediation
- This is a new position that Mark created in order to provide additional preventive support and services to schools. She is also in charge of juvenile court, but Mark made it clear that she should spend whatever time is needed with schools.

### **Update from State SARB**

- John Angell made copies of the DVD on the SARB Process that was created by the San Diego COE, which Lindy distributed to everyone.

*If you were not in attendance at this meeting and would like a copy, contact Lindy (lkhan@cccocoe.k12.ca.us)*

- The State SARB Recommendations to the State Superintendent were personally presented to him at the June meeting. There are two areas of focus: 1. Continue to Propose Guidelines and Other Means to Reduce Chronic Absence and Habitual Truancy, and eight specific strategies are listed; and 2. Recognize Exemplary SARB Programs.
- Information regarding AB 2616 which has been sent to the Governor gives limited discretion to school administrators to not identify a pupil as truant, if the pupil has a valid excuse based on the particular facts of the case, and suggests other interventions be used prior to making a referral to SARB. There was a heated discussion at the August State SARB meeting because some folks wanted to send a letter to the Supt. Torlakson requesting that he urge the Governor not to sign this bill because of a fear that the increased discretion would make it more difficult to take truancy cases to court when needed. Others believed that it was not wise to oppose this legislation, which is intended to provide more positive interventions before imposing negative sanctions. Consequently, no action was taken.
- The 2012-13 Model SARB Recognition application and rubric was also shared

### **District Sharing**

Gene Clare - Liberty

- The legislation (SB340?) to eliminate K (defiance) as an option for suspension is on the Governor's desk for signature
- Cautioned everyone in the use of suspended expulsion
- Things are going well so far

- Pete goes out to the school sites and works with the site administrators to ensure that they are staying on top of attendance issues

#### Frank Acojido – Acalanes

- Introduced Steve France, new Coordinator and member of Coordinating Council
- **They had a significant turnover of site administrators, including four new Associate Principals and one new Principal**
- First SARB is September 28<sup>th</sup> - very pleased with the additional support provided by the DA's Office and is planning to invite Anna

#### Lynn Mackey – Golden Gate Community School (GGCS)

- Program is in PI and made lots of changes this year
- New teachers in some classrooms
- Teachers are implementing some online classes and other new curriculum, and participating in learning collaboratives
- Bringing in folks from JFK for counseling
- Also contract to bring in some Arts classes

#### Dialo Byrd – GGCS

- He has additional caseload this year, but continues to support the school
- He tries to be at each site at least once a week
- He does do random searches and drug testing, but understands the importance and value of building relationships with the students

#### Pete Cardinale – Liberty

- Things are quiet right now and they had to cancel their upcoming SARB meeting
- He does visit each school, and they are off to a very positive start

#### Bob Sanchez – Antioch

- Shuffle of middle and HS principals
- Two years ago 80 SARBs were held, and last year they had 500
- sites were not doing their job so they contracted with SIA to send out truancy letters
- forces the sites to have SART before they can refer to SARB
- the response time with their PD is horrible, given the cuts to the department
- they do not have any SROs on their campuses

#### Tom Jones – Byron

- new principal in the district
- will be in charge of the SARBs
- he is part of the consortium and will get in touch with Jan
- his superintendent wants to make sure that they are doing all of the appropriate interventions prior to going to SARC
- Jan will be doing a SARB training for the new folks and invited him and Greg to participate

#### Jonathan Roselin – Mt. Diablo

- Professional Learning Communities - their schools participated in a great training by Mike Mattos, with a focus on creating a culture of belief that every student can achieve

- Their district is going full force with this initiative and he is hopeful that this will result in positive changes in the district

Greg Hetrick – Oakley

- Off to a good start
- Switched from AERIES to Illuminate, which is a system that is all inclusive
- The transition has not been smooth, but it has great promise
- attendance has been better the first six weeks this year
- Looking forward to having Anna come out

Jan Steed

- SARB Training is on 9/13 at the district office
- Great start to the year
- But, already had a 7<sup>th</sup> grade expulsion due to his sharing on Facebook that he is selling marijuana
- Great relationship with Brentwood Police Department

**Expulsion Plan – Lynn Mackey**

- Getting ready to finalize and bring to the board
- Be sure to send their signature page

**Community Schools**

- The districts are doing such a good job of not expelling students that enrollment is very low and will end up costing the districts a great deal more
- The County Office has been operating with a deficit for the last few years and has used up all of its fund balance, so it cannot continue to do so
- She will be talking more with districts about the possibility of taking their students back, if their numbers are not significant

**New SARB Handbook**

- May be purchased for \$30.00 by contacting San Bernardino County Office of Education @ 909-386-2903, or
- You can download it from either of the two sites noted below:  
[http://www.sbcss.k12.ca.us/adminserv/slpp\\_chWelAtend.php](http://www.sbcss.k12.ca.us/adminserv/slpp_chWelAtend.php)  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/sb/sarbhandbook.asp>

**Calendar of Meetings for 2012-13**

The meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday every other month, and the dates are noted below. We also decided to hold the meetings at the County Office, instead of 50 Douglas in Martinez.

November 9<sup>th</sup>  
 January 11<sup>th</sup>  
 March 8<sup>th</sup>  
 May 10<sup>th</sup>

Contra Costa County Office of Education  
 77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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