

Contra Costa County Coordinating Council
September 6, 2013
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Lindy Khan.

In attendance were Frank Acojido, Carol Adams, Bob Sanchez, John Angell, Pete Cardinale, Fran English, Sue Pardini, Brian Inglesby, Scott Gerbert, Greg Hetrick, Laura Delehunt, Jan Steed, Steve France, Gene Clare, Norlyn Asprec, Emily Justice and Lindy Khan.

Welcome

Lindy Khan started the meeting with introductions around the table and then gave a brief description of Coordinating Council.

District Attorney's Office

Laura Delehunt of the Contra Costa District Attorney's office was welcomed. Laura explained she will be taking over for Anna Duffy and will be handling truancy cases. She described Alameda County's Truancy Court and the hope of emulating their mediation based program here in Contra Costa County. She spoke about the desire to expand the Cops 4 Kids program to more schools in the County. She shared the District Attorney's office desire to continue and expand their bullying program and requested feedback on the program's effectiveness. John Angell of John Swett Unified School District commented that the program had been effective at Carquinez Middle School. The general consensus of the group was the program should be started in 6th grade as that is the best age to intervene. There may be a new judge appointed to the truancy caseload. Laura will inform Lindy Khan when this happens and Lindy will notify the Coordinating Council members via email.

District Sharing

Lindy Khan asked for updates from the District representatives in attendance. Sue Pardini informed the group a new Superintendent had been hired at MDUSD. Jan Steed mentioned one of the Vice Principals at Brentwood Union will run SARB for their district. Also she spoke of their District working with Liberty Union High School District and the Brentwood Police Department in professional development for their staff regarding safety practices. Pete Cardinale also shared Liberty's success in using an intervention model for their SARB system. Bob Sanchez spoke of Antioch's use of "Attention 2 Attendance" to notify parents of student absences and using restorative justice instead of expulsions. He also mentioned the District has hired 2 security patrol officers. Frank Acojido announced Steve France will be the SARB chair for Acalanes. Steve France has produced a SARB handbook for the assistant principals in Acalanes. He plans to share the handbook with the group after final editing. Lindy Khan suggested making his handbook an agenda item for a future CC meeting. Gene Clare of Liberty union spoke of the District's success in reducing suspensions during the 2012-2013 school year by 50% over the previous year. Greg Hetrick told of Oakley's switch to more in-school suspensions and forming counseling groups for students with discipline/attendance issues. Norlyn Asprec of ASM

Bonilla's office discussed a hearing on the STEM Task Force Report, which will be held on 10/4 from 10-12 at the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Board Room in Walnut Creek. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson will be a special guest at the hearing. Scott Gerbert of SRVUSD discussed his efforts to standardize attendance coding at the schools. He has also asked the Special Education department to invite a SARB representative to any IEP meeting where attendance is an issue. John Angell of JSUSD announced the hiring of Rob Stockberger as their new Superintendent.

Attendance Campaign

Lindy Khan asked for feedback from those who had attended the workshop on August 28th with keynote speaker Hedy Chang. John Angell reported that he was so intrigued by the workshop that he went back to the district and manually calculating the number of chronic absences for their students last year. He was shocked to learn that over 40% of the Kindergarteners and the 11th graders were chronically absent. He created Excel spreadsheets, which he brought to share on his phone. Carol Adams stated it was eye opening seeing how chronic absences were linked to testing, behaviour etc. Bob Sanchez appreciated learning of resources such as the United Way to support schools in their attendance efforts. Lindy informed the group of the free software for K-5 schools available through "Attendance Works" and of the 'tool kit' available through the CCCOE website, a flyer was passed out with the link to the site. Lindy spoke of the formation of a county-wide work group and the need to seek out other community partners to be engaged in the discussion on chronic absences. The next step will be an improved attendance campaign.

STATE SARB Updates & Legislation

State SARB updates and legislation were discussed. Gene Clare asked for guidelines from the CDE on implementation of AB 1266. Norlyn stated the LA unified model might be implemented state wide. Frank Acojido discussed modifications to SB 744 which has not yet been signed. Emily Justice informed the group of the "Safe and Healthy School Conference" on October 4th. The conference will offer guidance on supporting gender transitions in schools and on the impact of bullying. She stated information on the conference will be going out soon.

Lindy Khan mentioned the next scheduled CC meeting is November 8th, however that conflicts with ACSA State Conference on November 7th-9th. It was decided the **next meeting would be moved to November 1st from 1:00-3:00**. Boxed lunches will once again be available before the meeting for those who RSVP. An email will be sent to the group confirming this change of date.

Upcoming Trainings

Impact of Bullying and Violence on Students

Friday, October 4, 2013; 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

CCCOE Board Room

More information and registration: <http://www.cirinc.org/>

Flyer attached

Northern California Safe & Healthy Schools Conference

Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8, 2013

Clark Kerr Campus, UC Berkeley

Conference program and registration:

http://www.acoe.org/acoefiles/Communications/2013_Conference_at_a_Glance_Program_Final_82213.pdf

Save the Date

Safe Schools Planning Workshop

Friday, January 24, 2014; 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

CCCOE Board Room

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00