

Contra Costa County Coordinating Council

January 10, 2014

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Lindy Khan.

In attendance were Frank Acojido, Carol Adams, Gene Clare, Elizabeth Ramos, Brian Inglesby, Laura Delehunt, Steve France, John Angell, Lynn Mackey, Emily Justice, Cardenas Shackelford and Lindy Khan.

Welcome

Lindy Khan started the meeting with introductions around the table and welcomed Elizabeth Ramos of Assembly member Susan Bonilla's office who was attending for the first time.

District Attorney's Office

Laura Delehunt of the Contra Costa District Attorney's office spoke about Judge Minnie who will be starting February 1st and will be overseeing SARB cases. She indicated Mark Peterson plans to attend the next coordinating council meeting. Judge Minnie will be invited to attend as well, so that he can become more familiar with the SARB process and the efforts at intervention taken by the Districts prior to a SARB hearing. Frank Acojido suggested that when Judge Minnie attends, a "core" group act as representatives for the Coordinating Council, in order not to overwhelm the judge. Gene Clare asked that in addition to the school/district impact of truancy that the societal impact data also is given to Judge Minnie. Cardenas would like an outline of the districts expected demeanor of the court. Lindy indicated a plan would be formulated prior to March.

A pilot truancy program with Antioch Unified School District will be started as part of the District Attorney's Truancy Initiative. This pilot program will partner with Youth Intervention Network (YIN) which is based in Antioch and has a long standing relationship with the AUSD and Antioch Police Department, as well as an infrastructure of highly trained volunteers, community partners and an exemplary success rate. YIN uses a 6 step mediation process with parent inclusion being mandatory.

Cardenas Shackelford asked about the possibility of police officers issuing fines/citations to students breaking daytime curfew laws. John Angell indicated the Board of Supervisors had agreed to this in unincorporated areas of the county, but no system has been put in place to implement this policy. Laura said she would discuss daytime curfew issues with Mark Peterson.

District Sharing

- Gene Clare spoke of the rapid growth of Brentwood. They've had to add more portables and there is serious talk of a 4th high school. Due to this increased student population, they will be tightening up on interdistrict transfer requests.
- Carol Adams was pleased to announce Vincente Martinez High School will be moving into new modular facilities for the fall semester. The school will be accepting interdistrict transfers.
- Elizabeth Ramos spoke briefly of Governor Brown's budget proposal and moves to implement AB 484. She indicated she will have more information available at future meetings.

- Steve France spoke of the technology issues Acalanes district is facing in preparing to implement CCSS and SBAC. His district continues to strengthen their partnership with John Muir Health as part of their SARB panel.
- Brian Inglesby says he has been working with Orinda district's CBO regarding the dip in attendance at their middle school within the past 3 years. He hopes to be able to reach out to principals and teachers to improve attendance.
- Emily Justice told of the Safe Schools Planning Workshop scheduled for 1/24/2014 from 8:00-4:00 at CCCOE. This full day workshop provides participants with the opportunity to take an in-depth look at all aspects of school safety including new legislative mandates. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information call Emily or see the following link:
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e8iu929956e7d906&llr=kaavoriab>
- Cardenas Shackelford said Antioch High School will be rebuilt with demolition and construction being done on an incremental basis. AUSD hopes to have their *African American Male Initiative* up and running by next fall. The program will be k-12 and they would like to have a dedicated counselor in the model of YIN.
- John Angell spoke of the great new administrative team, which began with their new Superintendent. He said they are very supportive of his efforts to improve attendance, but noted the unusually high number of parent "no shows" his district is experiencing with SARB.

LCFF & LCAP

Lynn informed the group about some of the County's funding issues with LCFF. In order for the County to receive ADA money, students must be on probation or have a mandatory expulsion. For students in County programs who do not fall under these parameters, their home Districts continue to receive ADA funds instead of the County. Because many of the students served by County programs are parent-referrals or SARB, Lynn will get sample agreements that are currently being used with this issue in other Counties and share them with the group at a future meeting.

- Expelled students: Districts no longer have to submit a 3-year expulsion plan. More details to come
- State SARB recommendations:
 - "attendance rate" be calculated as the average daily attendance divided by the average daily enrollment for a given period of school days
 - The chronic absenteeism rate for the LCAP for EC Section 52060 (d)(5)(B) use the definition in ED Section 60901(c)(1), rather than allow for local definitions, which tend to vary. ("*...pupil who is absent on 10 percent or more of the schooldays in the school year when the total number of days a pupil is absent is divided by the total number of days the pupil is enrolled...*")

- In-school suspension rates and out-of-school suspension rates should be calculated separately and should be reported by the subpopulations identified in the LCFF/LCAP legislation
 - Review prevention/intervention efforts to determine if adequate resources are being provided and funded to achieve progress
 - LCAPs should clearly state how additional funding will be used to meet the special needs of subpopulations, especially in the priority areas for pupil engagement and school climate.
- Chronic Absence Resource Guide
Handouts are available on the table, Lindy asked those who would like copies to place a post-it with their name on the handout and it will be forwarded electronically

Partial Credits

Lynn Mackey asked the group about their Board policy on partial credit, and shared a handout sent from one of the CCCOE Board Members entitled Partial Credits Model Policy and Practice Recommendations in which it states that receiving schools should be accepting partial credits in the same subject without having to retake the entire course. However, it appears that this issue is being dealt with in a variety of ways in the different school districts, including credit recovery (through Adult Ed., night school or summer school) or having students retake the class they have partial credit in and rolling their excess credits over to electives. SRVUSD was the only Board policy on hand, and it appears to only cover partial credits in regards to foster youth.

Attendance Campaign Workgroup

Lindy Khan said the attendance workgroup is looking to identify key messages through media, print, visual etc. It was suggested that students enrolled in ROP video production courses may be tapped to help create a video. There are three districts the workgroup is planning to work with more intensely. Hedy Chang of *Attendance Works* is seeking grant funding in order to implement these efforts. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2014 at 9:30 at the COE. Lindy extended an invitation for all who are interested to attend.

Eliminating Barriers to Learning (ELB) Training

Lindy was thrilled to announce the CCCOE has been chosen to host a 2-day training focusing on mental health. Day 1 is open to all staff members (geared toward high school) Day 2; districts would apply to send a team which would be trained as trainers. A potential day 3 would be for training student leaders. This would be an extra-curricular group who would act as Ambassadors to work with their peers along with a teacher advisor. Dates and further details will be forwarded as they become available.

Upcoming Events

Bullying Prevention Task Force

This meeting is scheduled at 12:30 today. Lindy invited any who are interested to attend.

Attendance Workgroup

January 16th 9:30-12:00

Next Meetings

3/14/14, 5/9/14 both are 9:30-12:00

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00