



Coordinating Council Meeting March 14, 2014

Welcome, Introductions and Review Agenda

- District Personnel Changes? (update contact list)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Lynn Mackey.

In attendance:

Carol	Adams	Martinez
Dan	Cabral	District Attorney's Office
Pete	Cardinale	Liberty
Gene	Clare	Liberty
Laura	Delahunt	District Attorney's Office
Fran	English	Moraga
Maria	Espinosa	Pittsburg
Steve	France	Acalanes
Patrick	Gaffney	Clayton Valley Charter
Scott	Gerbert	SRVUSD
Lindy	Khan	CCCOE
Brian	Inglesby	Orinda
Lynn	Mackey	CCCOE
Mark	Peterson	District Attorney's Office
Bob	Sanchez	Antioch
Jan	Steed	Brentwood
Felicia	Stuckey-Smith	Mt. Diablo
Ron	Turner	ASM Bonilla's Office

District Attorney's Office

- News from the District Attorney

District Attorney Mark Peterson spoke of his office's mission statement of preventing crime and helping with school age children, including their continued efforts to combat truancy. He would very much like to have baseline data on truancy/chronic absenteeism so that his office can measure if their efforts are successful. He,



Dan Cabral and Laura Delahunt have been visiting other counties and exploring programs those counties are using to combat truancy. They hope to institute a new truancy court, modeled after Alameda County's. They plan to focus on the east county as a pilot program.

Mr. Peterson expressed his pleasure at the open communication between the school districts and his office regarding the SARB process. He informed the group that currently the number of SARB hearing slots is 45 but will be increased to 65, with 20 allocated to Mt. Diablo and the remaining 45 divided amongst the other districts. Mr. Peterson took an informal poll of how many slots the group thought were actually needed, the general consensus was 100 slots. Dan Cabral will share this information with the judge to see if that number is possible. Scott Gerbert suggested the time period scheduled per SARB should be reduced to 10-15 minutes. Jan Steed expressed her frustration in the inconsistent manner the clerk's office has in issuing "J" numbers. Mr. Peterson suggested when these types of issues arise, to call or email Laura Delahunt and she will help facilitate a resolution. It was suggested that a protocol and procedures guide for SARB be created, Laura will create a draft and share it at a future meeting. It was asked if a list of documents or information that the SARB judge requires be given to the District representative prior to the hearing so that he/she can be fully prepared. Mr. Peterson will ask the judge to make a list with this information and it will be distributed to the districts. Mark Peterson plans to attend the next SARB hearings on April 1st.

State SARB Updates

AG Harris proposed legislation

- **SB 1107 – Monning:** AG Annual Report on truancy & Chronic Absence for elementary schools
Mandates this is done annually. Chronic absenteeism is defined as 10% or more of school days missed. Some districts are not dealing with truancy/chronic absenteeism at all.

- **AB 1866 – Bocanegra:** requires districts to submit attendance data and CDE enhance CALPADS to include required fields
This will make it easier to extract data and mandates that districts report the data. The onus is on SIS vendors, such as Aeries to add fields to accomodat new collection and reporting requirements.

- **AB 1672 – Holden:** Annual SARB reports to County Offices contain additional information (pre-SARB, outcomes, etc.)
Extended reports: mandates this inclusion of more data fields, including behavior referrals to SARB and



irregular attendance to SARB.

- **AB 2142 – Hall and Bonta:** collaboration between prosecuting authorities and those making truancy referrals
- **AB 1643 – Buchanan:** require County SARBs and include a representative from the DA’s office

Discussion: How can the Contra Costa County SARB support the work in the districts?

Mandates every county have a SARB with representative(s) from district attorney’s office. Students must be referred to County SARB prior to court. The County level would act as a mediator. Lindy asked the group how they feel this would benefit their districts. Gene Clare expressed the opinion that sends a message that the District SARB is not important, just the County SARB. Lindy stated a County SARB might have more access to a variety of community resources. Community resources could be consolidated to sit in on one SARB hearing instead of numerous district SARBs

Laura Delahunt will research how Counties with SARBs work before Mark decides whether or not to support this legislation.

CCC Attendance Initiatives

- Attendance Workgroup (poster & essay contests & video)
Middle and High school students are invited to submit posters or essays in order to get their voice in the process. The goal is to hear from students who had terrible attendance but now have good attendance in order to learn how they turned that around. The contest is sponsored by ACSA and the United Way, gift cards will be given to students.
- Attendance Learning Network
“Attendance Works” looks at data to see if any schools are statistical outliers with great attendance. If so, they look at that school to see what they are doing that works, and then replicate it county wide.
- Keeping Our Kids in School

Court & Community School LCAP

- 10 Priority Areas
School climate/engagement is a priority area on LCAP. Due to time constraints, Lindy invited all to review the handout showing the priority areas and give feedback or comments.

- District Input
- *Incentive programs for positive reinforcement of attendance were discussed, as well as San Francisco District's giving students money for a college fund as a reward for attendance. Pete Cardinale said he sends out letters to students who have improved their attendance. It was agreed that improved attendance should be acknowledged and not just perfect attendance.*

Potential Training

Student Discipline, Attendance & Foster Youth – Garnett, Taylor & Dome

- Is there interest
- If so, July 31st or ? It was mentioned due to various school calendars, that the first week or August or a date in September would work better.

District Sharing

- Updates from all
Lynn shared with the group that LCFF funding is not provided for SARB referrals to Community schools unless the students are on probation or expelled. She also reminded the group that aren't recommended for special ed placement, they don't have the staff/resources to accommodate special-ed. Referrals.

Patrick Gaffney shared their 62 point API growth at Clayton Valley Charter. Executive Director, Dave Linzey was invited by Representative George Miller to address the U.S. House of Representatives Education and the Workforce Committee on the subject of "Raising the Bar: The Role of Charter Schools in K-12 Education" on March 4th.

Felicia Stuckey-Smith of MDUSD and Bob Sanchez of Antioch said their districts are busy collecting and reviewing data for LCAP

Acalanes district recently hosted a Custody, Residence and Student Records workshop. It was well received and they are considering exploring another date. Steve France will email Lindy a flyer to distribute to the group.

Carol Adams, Lindy Khan and Emily Justice attended the "Eliminating Barriers to Learning" workshop hosted by CCCOE, they attended both days of the workshop in order to be trained as trainers. Lindy and Emily are considering hosting a series of trainings next year on the 5 modules, more information will be available at a later date.



Other Issues/Potential PD/Future Meeting Topics

Gene Clare spoke of his and LUHSD's efforts to find mental health resources and funding. There were several in the group who had similar concerns and it was suggested that mental health be the focus of a future coordinating council meeting.

Upcoming Events

- **Attendance Workgroup**
April 3rd 9:30 – 12:00

Next Meeting

- 5/9