

Agenda Item

Welcome and Review Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. by Lindy Khan. The following were in attendance:

Angelica	Lara	WCC USD	John	Angell	John Swett USD
Barbara	Byrd	WCC USD	Ken	Nelson	San Ramon Vly USD
Chris	Calebrese	Brentwood USD	Lindy	Khan	CCCOE
Elizabeth	Carmody	WCC USD	Ron	Leone	Concord City Council
Felicia	Stuckey-Smith	Mt. Diablo USD	Tony	Shah	Liberty Union HSD
Janet	McMurray	WCC USD			

District Personnel Changes? (update contact list): None

District Sharing:

- **John Swett USD (John Angell):** District has a new Superintendent, Charles Miller. John Angell is the new SARB chair member. Last school year the district had a 15.8% of chronic absentees, and as of now they are at 11%; 50% of their students have perfect attendance. They have not sent letters regarding absences to families yet. District is now using the intervention tabs from Aeries, due to the good reports they are able to get. District implemented a COST/SARB team; meetings serve both purposes, to evaluate behavior and attendance. All interventions are logged in Aeries.
- **WCC USD:** There is a new team member, her name is Angelica Lara. Angelica, was able to engage the City of San Pablo in the effort to decrease chronic absentees in the district. The City of San Pablo is willing to invest \$675,000 in community schools, and will let the school district use a room in their facility to host SARB meetings. The first SARB meeting will take place on November 9th, and Angelica is currently working on putting together a SARB panel. The school district is trying to rebuild the attendance system from scratch, they will analyze data on chronic absences to guide improvements and promote individual and overall student attendance for vulnerable students. School district also plans to analyze current systems and purchase Swiss Data Systems for two sites: Nystrom and Lincoln.
- **WCC USD Prop 47:** WCC USD was awarded Prop 47 grant (\$1,759,400). The district has a 3 tier strategy and are planning to spend most of the funds in staffing.
 1. FTE Community Engagement Coordinator – School climate: will evaluate policies & procedures in all schools, and develop a district-wide school climate policy, protocol and procedure.
 2. Regional – School Family Approach, Social Work Specialist and Prevention Specialist: will offer therapy and case management. It will be the liaison between schools, families and community resources.
 3. School Site Approach – Full Service School Coordinator: will facilitate coordination of services (COST) team meetings.

City of Richmond and County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution around community schools, the City wants to be more involved, open and hopefully will start offering support possibly to elementary schools that feed Djohn Middle School.
- **Liberty Union HSD (Tony Shah):** District is using the intervention tabs from Aeries, but the information in the system is different from the information provided to the staff during summer trainings. Therefore, they created a manual with screen shots to help the staff navigate the system. District changed their suspension guidelines and shared that they applied for the MTSS grant on October 30th.
- **San Ramon Valley USD:** Ken Nelson came from John Swett District, but now is working in the San Ramon Valley School District. He shared that there is a high number of students suffering depression and anxiety, and are missing school due to that, the district is looking for possible solutions, and will try to offer a workshop regarding suicide prevention.

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- **Mt. Diablo USD:** 32,000+ students enrolled as of 11/03/17. District will apply for Model SARB, they just started SARB meetings, and Linda Pete will be running the SARB process for the district. This district has approximately 60 counselors, 2-4 counselors per High School, and 2 in Middle Schools; this is helping to reduced absences. They also have social workers and 2 wellness centers. The district needs to work more on documenting the cases, and the data (not at the district level, but at the site level).
- **Brentwood USD:** The District is promoting attendance at site level; staff is meeting with students to discuss attendance issues over pizza, and possible incentives for teachers, students and secretary (attendance clerks). They are currently tracking kids that are improving attendance not only the ones with perfect attendance, and just started their SARB meetings. This District doesn't use Aeries.

County Office Updates

- CHKS & Chronic Absenteeism – No cost administration training available (how to sign up, how to administrate information, and how to analyze and interpret data. Completion is faster online. WCC USD is still requesting paper surveys.
- Attendance Awareness Campaign:
 - Attendance COPE Fundraiser event on 11/03 at Crowne Plaza Hotel (Concord). Registration \$50, includes dinner and donation for COPE is optional.
 - Poster Contest- Not great response vs last year Lindy will possibly extend deadline for contest submission, and advertise it in November eblast. 13 winners
 - Principal Challenge- Encourage Principals to participate, advertising will be included in Principals eBlast. Deadline changed to November 30. We have received 15 submission so far. Winners will be possibly recognized in front of the Board.
- Legislation:
 - AB 1124 – Juvenile Court Graduation Requirements: students from Juvenile Court Schools are now allowed to graduate in their district of residence.
 - AB 830 – CAHSEE HS exit examination not required
 - SB 344 – Interdistrict Attendance: additional 15 days, hearings witin 45 days
 - SB 455 – Military Dependents: modifies residency requirements
 - SB 12 – FY Postsecondary Financial Aid: increase of funding
 - AB 10 – Feminine Hygiene products
 - AB 667 – Discipline conferences: discuss other correction alternatives
 - SB 257 – School admission of students with deaprted parents
- Court & Community Schools: Golden Gate is now a charter school, and is accepting all students (including adults up to 24 years old).
 - SARB Panel Member Training – could not arrange
 - Model SARB training 10/25 1-4 pm – John Swett and Pittsburg USD were recognized last year.

Meeting Dates for 2017-18

2nd Friday of the month: January 12th, March 9th, May 4th.

Upcoming Events

- Attendance Awareness Dinner Fundraiser: “Kids: Investing in OUR Future” – November 3rd 5:30 – 8:30 pm