**ESEA Committee of Practitioners (COP)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

**Library Commons, MacKay Building**

COP members present: Dr. Becky Guffin, Chrissy Peterson, Cecilia Estes, Nicole Hansen, Joan Brost, Kari Behm, Laura Willemssen.

South Dakota Department of Education staff present Shannon Malone, Mary Staddick-Smith, Jane Cronin, Rachel Temple, Taylor Larson, Jordan Varilek, Dawn Smith, Yutzil Becker, Laura Scheibe, Mikayla Hardy.

* Dr. Becky Guffin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
* Meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance
* Roll call was completed
* Dr. Becky Guffin asked for motion to approve the Agenda
* Chrissy Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda, Laura Willemssen seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

SD DOE Deputy Secretary Mary Staddick-Smith updated the COP members on ESSER funding, American Rescue Plan, and South Dakota Department of Education Updates. SD DOE along with school districts received large amounts of funding related to COVID relieve and the impacts of the pandemic. As a result of receiving these funds SD DOE along with districts are required to submit plans addressing the use of funds.

Mary Staddick-Smith shared updates around:

* Distance learning work group
* Social Studies Standards, Career Technical Education areas, and fine arts
* Civics Initiative
* Homeschool- Online application for homeschool students
* Starting Well Plan related to pandemic information will be updated
* Department of Health supports to schools on COVID 19

Mary Staddick-Smith shared that SD DOE has been collecting information from stakeholders. Survey results showed three major areas of need:

* Addressing learning loss
* Social-emotional and mental health needs of students
* Educator recruitment and retention

Mary Staddick-Smith stated that SD DOE will continue to collect stakeholder feedback moving forward on the use of funds.

COP members shared concerns they have been seeing:

* Truancy
* Attendance - how to teach at-risk students when they have attendance issues
* More school districts should have positive diversion programs
* Emotional needs of students and families
* Lack of community resources for helping with students and family’s emotional needs
* Lack of available teachers for subject areas

COP members provided possible solutions to some of the concerns that are being seen:

* Tuition Reimbursement for educators to get qualified
* Social workers /family liaisons can be levels of supports
* School districts can work with local universities that have pre-service teachers
* Accreditation requirements- can requirements be more flexible, particularly around student teaching?
* Diversion program through Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) grant should be expanded

**Title Program updates:**

Title IV, Part A/ 21st Century Coordinator Jane Cronin shared about the new Government Performance and Results Act (***GPRA***) Indicators for 21st CCLC. These are measures that 21st Century programs will need to report on. Jane asked for guidance on how to collect the information.

COP member suggested having someone at SD DOE write a query at the state level in Infinite Campus so that it is easier for schools to pull down the information.

Jane shared information about the Title IV, Part A professional development that is being offered to schools in the upcoming school year.

Title Program Administrator Jordan Varilek shared information regarding School Improvement funds.

Title III Coordinator Rachel Temple shared updates on what the Title III program will be providing in the upcoming school year to school districts who have English learners.

**Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Amendment, Waiver, Addendum and Statewide Assessment updates:**

Assessment Administrator Matt Gill shared state assessment participation rates.

Matt gave an update on the Science waiver that was submitted to the USED. If the waiver is approved for the Science assessment, only participation will be reported on report card. If the waiver is not approved, participation and performance will be reported. SD DOE is waiting to hear from the USED.

Matt provided updates on accountability and the report card. Due to the pandemic, only performance will be reported on the 2021 report card. Report card key dates were also shared with members.

The Office of Assessment is launching the Assessment and Data Literacy Initiative this fall. It is a two-year program that provides professional development and opportunities to help educators understand the purposes and uses of the various assessments and data.

Director of Learning and Instruction Shannon Malone shared updates on the status of the ESEA amendment. SD DOE is waiting to hear if the additional EL exit criteria and updates to Targeted Support Improvement (TSI) designation pieces have been approved.

Shannon shared updates from SD DOE including reorganizations and upcoming projects.

**Perkins Accountability:**

Career and Technical Education Director Laura Scheibe provided an update on Perkins accountability. Perkins accountability is now aligned to ESSA accountability and will be included in the report card.

**Child and Adult Nutrition Services (CANS) Free Meals and Summer Fun:**

Assistant Director of Child and Adult Nutrition Services Mikayla Hardy shared information regarding

free activities and meals available to kids ages 0-18. A flyer was provided with information regarding

this free service for COP members to share in their schools.

**COP Membership:**

Assistant Title Programs Administrator Yutzil Becker indicated the need for more COP members. COP members were asked to communicate with Yutzil Becker if they have recommendations for members.

* Chrissy Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting
* Joan Brost seconded the motion
* All were in favor

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.