

## ESEA Committee of Practitioners Meeting Minutes

Arizona Department of Education  
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Phoenix, AZ

**August 22, 2014**

<b>COP Members:</b> Ildi Laczko-Kerr, Co-Chair Chris Ostgaard, Co-Chair Perry Berry Leanne Bowley Danny Brown Debbi Burdick Angelina Canto Harriet Caruso Tom Collins Dean Colvig Sherry Dorathy Dave Dumon Susan Edman Mary Ellertson Susan Gibson Beth Gue	Scott Jacobson Sylvia Johnson Ildiko Laczko-Kerr Carrie Larson Jean Lewis Natalie McWhorter Shelly Mezei Cynthia Neuzil Hilda Ortega-Rosales Jacquelyn Power Douglas Price Audrey Reff Patrick Riley Domonic Salce Eula Saxon Dean Charlotte Wing Debbie Witt	<b>ADE:</b> Nancy Konitzer – Title I DAS Tee Lambert – COP Clerk Dave Anderson Eric Brooks Joan Curtis Christopher Dickinson Robert Gray Jill Jeanes Colleen Kerr Jennifer Liewer Stacey McAndrew Mark McManus Noni Paris Stephanie Washington	<b>Guests:</b> Wendy Conger <i>Tanque Verde SD</i> Mary C. Miller <i>Altar Valley SD</i>
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### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee of Practitioners (COP) Meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Co-chair Ildi Laczko-Kerr. Ildi welcomed COP members to the first meeting for 2014-2015, members introduced themselves and where they were from. Nancy Konitzer, Deputy Associate Superintendent for Title I and Consolidated Activities, welcomed all COP members and recognized new members joining COP for their first meeting.

### BUSINESS ITEMS

#### Approval of May 2014 Minutes:

Ildi asked members to review the May 2, 2014 minutes. Leanne Bowley motioned to approve the May 2014 minutes, Susan Gibson seconded. The motion passed.

#### Election of Co-chair:

Ildi explained that Co-chair Linda Denno had to step down as Co-chair because she had accepted a new job position with Uof A. Ildi has served her two year commitment. The committee needs to elect a Chair to serve 1 year to complete Linda's position and co-chair position for 2 years. Mary Ellertson moved for Ildi to serve the 1 year position, seconded by Harriet Caruso. Ildi accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously. Sylvia nominated Chris Ostgaard for the two year Co-chair position, Harriet Caruso seconded. Chris accepted the nomination; the motion passed unanimously.

#### Review meeting schedule for 2014-2015:

August 22, 2014	ADE - Central & Osborn
October 24, 2014	Scottsdale Unified District
January 30, 2015	Washington Elementary School District
March 6, 2015	ADE - Central & Osborn
May 1, 2015	Phoenix Advantage Charter School

## Standing Reports

### Highly Effective Teachers and Leaders:

Nancy Konitzer introduced Eric Brooks, Director of Effective Teachers and Leaders. Eric let members know the Marilyn Gardner will no longer be working with Title II; she has accepted a position in Career and Technical Education Unit at the Arizona Department of Education (ADE).

Eric reminded members that Highly Qualified Data is due September 30, 2014.

### Upcoming events:

Presentations on Student Learning Objectives to help assess "Group B Teachers"

- Mohave County September 11,
- Pinal County in Casa Grande October 1

If LEAs would like a presentation at their District, they can contact the ADE.

Round Table: Looking for members to sit on Round Table Discussions for:

- HR Directors
- SAI users
- Principals
- Evaluation Models

Groups will meet 3 times a year for 2-3 hours. The commitment is to share your voice at these times providing stakeholder input.

### Financial Report:

Nancy Konitzer updated members that Richard Valdivia, has left the ADE to work with the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind. Nancy introduced Chris Brown, Title I Project Specialist and explained that Richard started the work on the Title I Allocations and Chris took on the task completing the work and that the ESEA grant allocations will available after Labor Day.

Nancy went over the federal allocations

## FY15 Federal Financial Report

Program	2013 Actual	2014 Estimate
College- and Career-Ready Students (Title I, Grants to LEAs)	311,044,753	325,189,415
School Turnaround Grants (School Improvement State Grants)	10,816,584	10,657,737
Migrant Student Education	6,470,071	6,505,750
State Agency Neglected and Delinquent	1,342,443	1,551,651
Subtotal, Accelerating Achievement & Ensuring Equity	329,673,851	343,904,553
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	35,692,715	35,645,355
Mathematics and Science Partnerships	3,457,398	3,583,105
21st Century Community Learning Centers	21,780,546	25,045,386
Assessing Achievement (State Assessments)	7,357,664	7,566,409
Rural and Low-income Schools Program	933,956	933,955
Small, Rural School Achievement Program	2,380,023	2,412,293
Indian Student Education--Grants to Local Educational Agencies	10,437,083	10,437,072
English Learner Education (English Language Acquisition)	15,353,660	15,178,120
Homeless Children and Youth Education	1,372,486	1,422,929
IDEA - Basic	177,430,055	188,142,357

### **ESEA Flexibility Update:**

Nancy introduced Jennifer Liewer, Special Assistant to Dr. Jennifer Johnson. Jennifer Liewer is working on Cross-Divisional Leadership Initiatives, replacing Karla Phillips. Jennifer is also working on report cards and the leading the communication on the new assessment and aligning the state accountability system.

The web link for the Transition timeline from AIMS to new assessments is

<http://www.azed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/new-assessment-transition-table-060414.pdf>

### **Calendar of Events:**

#### **Exceptional Student Services:**

- Transition Conference – August 25, 27, 2014
- Directors' Institute – September 22-24

#### **Arts Education**

- October 20, 2014

#### **Offices of English Language Acquisition Services**

- December 10-13, 2014

#### **Title I**

- MEGA Conference – November 18-20, 2014 in Tucson

### **School Recognition**

#### **Title I Reward and Distinguished Schools**

Nancy introduced Stephanie Washington, Education Program Specialist working with State Tutoring and Title I, which asked for COP members willing to work on the COP Distinguished School Subcommittee. Members will work with Stephanie and her colleague Don Dolin, Title I education program specialist in review submitted applications from eligible Title I Reward schools and identify schools for site visits. The winners of Arizona Distinguished Title I schools will be announced at the MEGA Conference and the winning schools will be honored at the Title I National Conference in February.

Title I Distinguished COP Subcommittee:

- Susan Gibson
- Natalie McWhorter
- Chris Ostgaard
- Charlotte Wing
- Mary Ellertson
- Susan Edman
- Jean Lewis
- Debbie Witt
- Beth Gue

### **Program Updates**

#### **Department Updates and Strategic Plan:**

Nancy apprised members of the ADE's new Associate Superintendents:

- Bob Gold, Associate Superintendent for Highly Effective Schools
- Cecilia Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Highly Effective Teachers and Leaders
- Carol Lippert, Associate Superintendent for High Academic Standards for Students

#### **Community Engagement Initiative**

Chris Dickinson, Education Program Specialist, Migrant Education and the lead of the Community Engagement Initiative provided an update on the Community Engagement Initiative. The purpose of

the initiative is to provide innovative and sustainable solutions to assist communities in reducing crime, increasing academic achievement and providing Arizona's youth a safe and nurturing environment. The ADE Community Engagement Initiative is a partnership with local educational agencies, community groups, non-profit organization, faith-based institutions, governmental agencies and valued individuals.

#### **School Improvement:**

Devon Isherwood, Director of LEA and School Improvement shared an update on School Improvement Plan Guidance. There are two new goals to be addressed in the school's CIP:

- SMART Goal that addresses school culture and climate
- SMART Goal that addresses teacher performance

Nancy introduced Laura Toenjas, the new Deputy Associate Superintendent for LEA and School Improvement who explained the changes and adjustment to the list of schools identified as Priority, Focus and Pre-Intervention.

#### **Accountability Updates:**

Dr. Yovhane Metcalfe, Director of Accountability, informed the committee that the ADE is reviewing appeals submitted by LEAs or schools letter grades. They are also verifying all of the F schools. The State Board should be choosing the new assessment in October and then ADE will present to the Board a Transition plan for the new assessment for adoption. There will be a 2015 letter grade for schools that will include the science test.

Ildi asked for members if they would like to renew or join the Accountability COP subcommittee that will focus on CCRI development. They will meet with Yvonne and the ADE Accountability unit.

#### **Accountability COP Subcommittee:**

- Perry Berry
- Debbi Burdick
- Angelina Canto
- Harriet Caruso
- Tom Collins
- Susan Edman
- Scott Jacobson
- Ildiko Laczko-Kerr
- Chris Ostgaard
- Douglas Price
- Audrey Reff

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

In 2006 the state submitted a Teacher Equity Plan. In addition to the waiver ED is requiring states to submit an update to their Teacher Equity Plan. The ADE is will be working on the update which is due in April.

#### **ADJOURN**

Debbi Burdick motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sylvia Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.