

South Dakota Department of Education

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting

Minutes

June 20, 2008

South Dakota High School
Activities Association- Pierre, SD

Chairperson

Lisa Heckenlaible

Vice Chairperson

Heather Stettnichs

Panel Functions

- Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
- Review and comment on final due process hearing findings and decisions
- Advise on eligible students with disabilities in adult prisons- The advisory panel also shall advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons

Panel Priorities

- State Performance Plan
- Child Find
- Ensuring quality service providers are available to children with disabilities

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<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
Lisa Heckenlaible	Michele Cogley
Greg Cooch	Nicole Haneke
Judy Hoscheid	Peggy Hargens
Mark Krogstrand	Karn Barth
Laura Johnson-Frame	Todd Christensen
Greg Riley	Bernie Grimme
Jim Dunston	Nora Svatos
Gail Eichstadt	Elaine Roberts

<i>Guests</i>	
Dan Boyd	SD State Library
Roxie Thielen	Office of Accreditation & Teacher Quality, DOE
Lynette Johnson	Office of Accreditation & Teacher Quality, DOE
Deedra Gesinger	Office of Accreditation & Teacher Quality, DOE

<i>Department of Education</i>	
Ann Larsen	State Special Education Programs Director, SD DOE
Raymond Tracy	Program Specialist, SD DOE
Melissa Flor	Program Specialist, SD DOE
Merle Doolittle	DOE - Special Education Secretary

<i>Public</i>	
None	

Acronyms used:

SPP: State Performance Plan
APR: Annual Performance Report
SEP: State Education Program
OSEP: Office of Special Education Programs
SD DOE: South Dakota Department of Education

Opening Remarks

Raymond Tracy, **SD DOE**, began with welcoming members, reviewing the agenda and the minutes with the panel.

Approval of the Agenda

Action Item - Members to accept agenda for the **June 20, 2008** Meeting.

Motion to accept: Mark Krogstrand

Second motion to accept: Greg Cooch

Panel Vote:

Yes All Members

No None

Abstain None

Approval of Minutes

Action Item - Members to accept the **April 24th & 25th, 2008** Minutes.

Motion to accept: Judy Hoscheid

Second motion to accept: Jim Dunston

Panel Vote:

Yes All Members

No None

Abstain None

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson _____

Signature

Date

June 20th, 2008

Elections

Election of New Officers for the 2008-2009 School Year

Chairperson: Heather Stettnichs

Vice Chairperson: Mark Krogstrand

McKinney Vento Act

Presented by Laura Johnson-Frame

Title Programs, SD Dept. of Education

Laura Johnson-Frame, Title Programs, SD Dept. of Education, gave an overview of the McKinney Vento Act. Laura explained how the McKinney Vento Act pertains to No Child Left Behind. Spoke about the high risk involved with homeless children and their education. She talked to panel members about the money and grants that fund the Homeless Programs.

Interagency Agreements

Presented by Ray Tracy

Special Education Programs, SD Dept. of Education

Ray gave the 2008 update. Panel members were informed about definition and term changes. Talked about the responsibilities of each individual agency. Asked panel members if there were any suggestions that the panel would like the Dept. of Education to look at.

Due Process, Mediations, and complaints

Presented by Ann Larsen

Special Education Programs, SD Dept. of Education

Ann Larsen gave the 2008 Update. Went over the complaint log. Talked about diversity of schools. Spoke on the variety of complaint issues. Informed members about the number of complaints compared to other years. Talked about the number of mediations and the success rate. The Navigator Program was discussed and what their responsibilities are.

Special Education Programs

Transition

Presented by Melissa Flor

Special Education Programs, SD Dept. of Education

Reported on the National Secondary Transition Planning Institute held in Charlotte, North Carolina in May of this year. Dr. Greg Cooch, panel member, presented at this meeting. Melissa talked about the highlights of the meeting. Team goals and activities were discussed.

Melissa talked about Indicator Data that has been collected and the PIP Plan (Performance Indicator Plan).

September 5, Judy Sargent will be here to award the department with a National Special Education Award.

Accountability

Presented by Ray Tracy

Special Education Programs, SD Dept of Education

Panel members were asked to look at the draft and make suggestions for changes. Discussed changes in wording being made.

Indicators were discussed. Ed Specs reviewed the data and determined that there twenty five schools that need to be visited this coming year.

Discussed the Parent Survey.

Panel members discussed the possibility of having an accountability manual for the Comprehensive Plan to determine if the right data is being used by agencies.

Assessment

Presented by- Linda Turner

Special Education Programs, SD Dept of Education

Ray Tracy read a letter from Linda Turner about Assessment.

Early Childhood

Presented by - Elizabeth Gordon

Special Education Programs, SD Dept of Education

Ray Tracy read a letter from Elizabeth Gordon about Early Childhood.

Beth talked about Battelle. All students transitioning from Birth to 3 (Part C) to Part B need to be given the Battelle. Talked about testing information and how data should be entered.

Beth talked about the Early Childhood listserv that has been set up for teachers. Teachers who have attended any of the Battelle, Early Literacy, and/or Behavior Workshops have automatically been added.

Lunch Break

NIMAS and NIMAC

Presented by - Dan Boyd - State Library

Dan gave an update on NIMAC and NIMAS in South Dakota. Presented additions, recommendations and suggestions.

Talked about the different books that have and are being produced. Dan reported that all large textbook producers are on board with supplying information for reproducing books in Braille. Talked about the cost for large print and Braille books. Many states loan students in other states their books. This saves money and gives students the use of a variety of books.

Dan talked about his role as a state contact. He travels to National meetings, helps with listservs, webinars, and training materials.

For more information on Braille books go to AVB.com

Annual Report

Presented by - [Ray Tracy](#)

Members were given a letter from Panel Vice President Heather Stettnichs. A letter from chairperson Lisa Heckenlaible was also given to each board member. Both letters will be included in the Annual Report.

Went over the Annual Report. Made some corrections and changes. OSEP has told Special Education that it is a good report. The report will be sent to members for final approval and then it will be sent to OSEP. The report will also be posted on the web.

Special Education Certification

Presented by - [Deedra Gesinger](#), [Roxie Thielen](#), and [Lynette Johnson](#)

Deedra Gesinger talked about Special Education Endorsement.

Information from Washington, DC meeting was presented by Lynette Johnson.

Roxie Thielen spoke about the shortage areas Special Education and Speech Pathologist.

Anyone can go to into the website to see teacher accreditations.

State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report Update

Ann Larsen and Raymond Tracy, SD DOE

The department has received notice that South Dakota has met requirements in the State Performance for IDEA Part B - 2006 - 2007

Local Determinations

Ann Larsen, Raymond Tracy and Melissa Flor

The dept. had a meeting with determination workgroup. Workgroup were told what information to look for, such as time, valued and accurate information on the district. Certificates have been sent to districts that qualified. There are only three districts that did not qualify.

Miscellaneous Topics

Membership - Looking new panel members and discussed the membership application.

Priority - Random Staff Survey was talked about.

RTI - Update of Activities and State Plan. There are 17 more pilot sites along with the existing pilot sites. There is a good mix of schools.

Disproportionality - Ann Larsen reported on the national meeting she attended. She reported that South Dakota is in a good position. A Disproportionality meeting/training was held in Chamberlain.

Assessment Grants - The three different grants were discussed. Some are shared with the Title Programs.

Parent Conference - The Parent Conference will be held August 15th, in Sioux Falls.

Schedule Upcoming Meeting

Date: Oct 7 & 8, 2008 - 10:00- 5:00 on the 7th and 8:00- 12:00 on the 8th.

Location: Crazy Horse Monument Conference Room.

Proposed Guest Speaker for this meeting: John Copenhaver- Mt. Plains Regional Resource Center.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to accept:	Greg Riley
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Second motion to accept:	Jim Dunston
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Panel Vote:

Yes	All Members
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No	None
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Abstain	None
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