



**Colorado Cyberschool Association
November 9, 2009**

Call to Order 9:30

Location: Conference Call

Members in Attendance: Judith Stokes, Branson School District; Christine Tanguay, Connections Academy; Heather O'Mara, Hope Online; Cassandra Carr, COVA; Dirk Oden, Monte Vista; Katie Genereux, Hope Online; Sarah Ault, Connections Academy; Kris Enright, GOAL Academy; Leanna Walker-Christians, Branson School District; Kathryn Knox, COVA; Tim Spencer, CDELA; Lori Cooney, CCCF; Sharla Book, Karval Online; Denise Perrault, Insight Schools.

Members Absent: Ken Crowell, GOAL Academy; Melissa Brown, GOAL Academy; Tim Spencer, CDELA; Jenny Smith, Insight Schools; Linda Hinton, Monte Vista; Martin Adams, Karval; Rosalba Martinez, CDELA.

Members Not Represented: Vilas Online

Others in Attendance: Chaplain (Major) Gordon Rourk, Civil Air Patrol; Kevin Poole, University of Colorado Denver; Lisa Gomez and Brett Weinstein, Jones International University.

Welcome & Introductions

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of minutes

Heather O'Mara read the minutes; Cassandra Carr made a motion to approve the minutes; Sharla Book seconded the motion; the minutes were unanimously approved.

Membership Report & Financial Report

Sarah Ault reported that the CCA bank account has a balance of \$21,864.94.

Heather O'Mara made a motion to approve the financial report; Kris Enright seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

Members discussed that funds are budgeted for the CCA website, the KidsExpo, and Cyberschools Day at the Capitol.

Members discussed creating a Colorado chapter of iNACOL and/or USDLA.

Judith Stokes reported that membership invitation letters will be sent to other online programs in December.

Update on Website

Katie Genereux reported that the website construction is delayed, but expected to be functioning by January.

CCA Board Position Election

Membership voted for board positions to begin in January 2010. President: Heather O'Mara made a motion for Judith Stokes to serve as President; Cassandra Carr seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously. Treasurer: Sharla Book made a motion for Heather O'Mara to serve as Treasurer; Judith Stokes seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously. Secretary: Judith Stokes made a motion for Cassandra Carr to serve as Secretary; Heather O'Mara seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

Presentation of Areospace curriculum

Chaplain (Major) Rourk presented about the Aerospace curriculum developed by the Civil Air Patrol and other opportunities for CCA membership and the Civil Air Patrol to partner for student presentations and activities.

Discussion with University of Colorado Denver

Members and Kevin Poole from UCD discussed the standards, needs, challenges and opportunities for training online teachers. Suggestions included: ability to communicate and collaborate with families, data-driven decision making, ability to align, benchmark and map curriculum, technology literacy, adolescent psychology, relationship building and an understanding of all the different models for online education. Members questioned whether the state is looking to add a requirement for online teacher licensure.

Discussion with Jones International University

Members and Lisa Gomez and Brett Weinstein from JIU discussed a partnership, particularly regarding opportunities for CCA membership teachers to enroll at JIU and CCA membership to provide student teaching opportunities for JIU students. Sarah Ault made a motion to approve a partnership with JIU, Heather O'Mara seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion on Online End of year Report

Members discussed their concerns with CDE Annual Report and the inconsistent standard of review. Members agreed that attendance at SBE and Joint Education Committee meetings when the Annual Report is presented is important. Members discussed inviting Pam Ice to a CCA meeting to share/preview the summary Annual Report. Sarah Ault will contact John Watson regarding his interest/availability to compose a CCA report.

Discussion on KidsExpo

Members discussed participation in the CyberZone at the KidsExpo. All participants must bring an activity for children to do.

iNACOL Briefing

Members discussed November's iNACOL VSS. Members noted that the conference had more school district participants than previous years, that many of the panels were led by statewide programs and vendors and that many of the panels were more focused on supplemental than full-time online programs.

Day at the Capitol Update

Lori Cooney updated everyone on progress for this year's Day at the Capitol. Speaker Carroll will speak on the West Steps around 11:30am. Legislative tours will be available in the afternoon. A light lunch will be provided. Registration may be around 9-10am. Places to host additional activities for the day are still being researched.

Notes

- The Legislative Audit Committee rejected a proposal for a performance audit of all charter schools.
- There is potential for a legislative bill requiring CDE to audit all charter schools.
- Rep. Pommer is warning districts that the money received from Race to the Top will come with serious attachments.

Next meeting

The next CCA meeting is a conference call on January 11, 2010.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm

Cassandra Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sarah Ault seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.