

Colorado Cyberschool Association

April 13, 2009

9:30 – 11:30

Location: Teleconference- Conference call information:

Members in Attendance: Judith Stokes, Alan McFadden, Sarah Ault, Tim Spencer, Cassandra Carr, Sharla Book, Heather O'Mara, Lori Cooney, Katie Genereux

Members Absent: Sean Freed, Ken Crowell

Others in Attendance: Denise Perrault, Kris Enright

Welcome & Introductions

Judith Stokes, CCA President

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting

Heather O'Mara read the minutes from the February and March meetings.

Approval of minutes

February minutes – Sharla Book made motion to approve the minutes, Alan McFadden seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimous approval.

March minutes – Alan McFadden made motion to approve the minutes, Sharla Book seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimous approval.

Membership Report & Financial Report

Sarah Ault reported that all members, except Insight, had paid their 2008/09 dues. Heather O'Mara made a motion to approve the membership and financial reports, Sharla Book seconded the motion, all members voted unanimous approval.

SBE Presentation Review and Feedback

Judith Stokes summarized her CCA presentation to the SBE.

CCA Annual Report Proposal Update

Members discussed the importance of continuing to lead the online learning conversation in the state. Members want to continue to produce a CCA annual report using the current template, but also adding 3-4 academic performance measures. Members agreed to discuss common academic performance measures at the May meeting.

Cyberfamilies Day at the Capitol

All feedback from students, parents and teachers was positive. Everyone really enjoyed seeing all the other online students. There was good collaboration. Any additional feedback should be submitted to Lori or Judith.

Cyberfamilies Update

Lori Cooney indicated that the National Coalition for Public School Options is accepting Teacher of the Year nominations until April 17th. Anyone can nominate a teacher. Nomination forms are available at www.publicschooloptions.org.

Website changes and direction

Members should review the current CCA website and submit feedback to the distributed questions prior to the May meeting. SE2 is working on a narrower proposal. Katie will solicit proposal from Juliana Doan as well.

NACOL membership update

Heather O'Mara made motion that CCA sign-up for non-profit membership with NACOL. Alan McFadden seconded the motion. All members voted unanimous approval. Members also discussed that CCA could eventually become a state affiliate of NACOL.

OL Teach Conference

Sarah Ault reported that the planning committee had not received very many presentation proposals and that the conference may be limited to 1 day on August 4th, instead of both August 3rd and 4th. Heather O'Mara suggested that the Unit of Online Learning solicit programs to do presentations based on the Unit's review of annual reports.

NACOL conference possible CCA presentation proposal

There was unanimous support for submitting a presentation proposal on behalf of CCA.

CSAP Debrief

Members discussed the need for using a common CSAP testing window schedule, the need to have school assessment coordinators and district assessment coordinators involved in the planning process from the beginning, the importance of planning for CSAP accommodations, and the need for better collaboration at joint testing locations. Members also discussed an overall increase in student and parent refusal to participate in CSAP.

ACT Testing

Sharla Book indicated that she would send out a list of ACT Testing sites that were cancelled on April 4th because of snow and make up test locations and dates.

Proof of Residency

Members discussed the changed requirements for the proof of residency form and the logistical challenges associated with the changes. CCA will submit a letter to CDE emphasizing the challenges of the change and raising the question of being held to a different standard than brick and mortar schools. All members agreed to submit 1-2 sentences describing the issue to Judith by 4/13.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.