

**California Collaborative for Educational Excellence
(CCEE)
Regular Board Meeting
April 6, 2017**

Item 5: Executive Director's Progress Report

Model Practice in the Anaheim Union High School District

We recently had an opportunity to participate in classroom learning walks that include parents and local activists in the Anaheim Union High School District. The program includes training, organized walk-throughs and appropriate de-briefing following the classroom visits. The district leadership, teachers' union and parents are all working together to make this a model practice of stakeholder engagement under LCFF/LCAP.

Retreat Focus on Special Education

On February 27-28, we hosted CDE director Kristin Wright (accompanied by Caroline Pfister and Shiyloh Becerril) and Advisory Commission on Special Education chair Gina Plate, along with Magnolia superintendent Frank Donovan, for a discussion of the data on the performance of SWD's in California, and how we can better work together to make sure that we are addressing the needs of special education students in all aspects of our work. We also discussed special education financing, as well as districts, charters and COE's that are models of best practice.

New Hire Amanda Otte

Amanda comes to us from WestEd, where she was an early childhood content specialist. She has degrees from Stanford and Teachers College, Columbia University. She is a research associate, and will be reporting to our research director Sujie Shin.

Recent Meeting with Michael Fullan/AdvanceProject Water Cooler Conference

Our team recently met with Michael Fullan and his researchers before the start of the Advancement Project Convening in Sacramento. The meeting provided us with an opportunity to check in with one of the major guiding forces in our work, who has called the establishment of the CCEE "a golden opportunity" in improving our school system performance. He challenged us to link all of our work (training and pilots) directly to student outcomes.

Later, at the conference, I participated in a panel discussing the state's new accountability system with Glen Price, Rick Simpson and Erin Gabel of First 5 California.

Upcoming Retreat with CCSESA

In early May, we will be hosting the CCSESA officers and leadership staff at a retreat in the desert. Much of our work depends on partnering and communicating with county offices on all aspects of our new multiple measures accountability system. This will give us an opportunity to check-in on our progress and share concerns as we move forward. In addition, we're working with recently-retired Kern County superintendent Christine Frazier on the development of a CCEE advisory committee that would include innovative county and local district superintendents.

CCEE Organizational Development/Technical Assistance Rollout

Back in December, we discussed for the first time a CCEE organizational development proposal that would include a potential expansion of our staff. At that time, the board advised us to work with the CDE, the Governor's education adviser, the Department of Finance, and other partners who inevitably will be a part of the rollout and approval of the state's technical assistance effort. Both Sujie Shin and Socorro Shiels have been representing us in those discussions, and they are available to provide the board with a brief update at today's meeting.