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CCEE Member Emeritus

- Christine Lizardi Frazier, Ed.D.

Advisory Council Highlights

This newsletter is intended to inform the field. Please share with your regional superintendents or any interested parties.

INTRODUCTION

Gary Waddell, Superintendent of Santa Clara Unified School District, opened the Advisory Council meeting by providing new members/visitors the opportunity to introduce themselves. The Council welcomed State Board Chair, Dr. Linda Darling Hammond to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Executive Director Matt Navo, began his Executive Director Update by introducing the purpose of the meeting to discuss the Chronic Absenteeism metric for the State of California. Director Navo reminded representatives of the Advisory Council of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) that they represent the voices/ideas and solutions for their respective Regional Superintendents. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to advise the CCEE on statewide initiatives and provide input on policy and legislation.

The CCEE is a statewide organization created in 2015 to advise and assist Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and County Office of Education (COE) in accomplishing the goals identified in their Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs). If you would like more detailed information on the CCEE and its current initiatives, please visit the CCEE website at <https://ccee-ca.org/>

HOT TOPICS: POLICY & LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Our Hot Topics discussion focused on a discussion with Dr. Linda Darling Hammond, California State Board of Education President, on measuring school improvement around chronic absenteeism (CA), in light of the disruption caused by the pandemic. The majority agreed that current metrics and attendance practices should be re-evaluated to balance the interests of safety, health, and educational outcomes.

Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond introduced the topic by providing reflection questions for members:

- The Dashboard was designed to establish multiple measure accountability.
- Chronic Absenteeism (CA) was initially meant to flag patterns and get students back in school.
- Actionable indicators in Dashboard (lagging but still informative)

CCEE AC Facilitators

Gary Waddel, SCUSD-
Superintendent

John Mallory, SRUSD-
Superintendent

CCEE Executive Director

Matt J. Navo

— 2023-24 Meeting Dates

(Times: 9:00a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

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August 4, 2023

October 6, 2023

December 8, 2023

February 2, 2024 (In person ACSA
Symposium)

April 5, 2024

June 7, 2024

Links / References

- [Agenda June 2, 2023](#)
- [AC Bylaws](#)

- Disruption occurred in CA because of the pandemic and other illnesses that impact attendance/engagement.
- The growing number of climate events is going to accelerate given the changes in environmental events due to snow, mudslides, fires, floods, etc.
- Should the Dashboard incentives around safety, health, and education.
- How does CA better foster learning online? (this discussion explores the intersection between chronic absenteeism and continuity of learning)

A rich discussion ensued during which members shared examples from districts and counties throughout California and addressed the following points, among others:

- There is a need to break down attendance beyond excused and unexcused absences and differentiate for necessary absences beyond the control of students.
- Explore ways to allow after-school or online tutoring hours to count towards missed days to allow for flexibility in how we recover attendance (Saturday School was also explored, though it may not be a good option for all students)
- The idea of a Continuity of Instruction Plan was also discussed, with advocacy for online and remote learning to provide continuity of instruction. However, there are still challenges to implementing these ideas, including outdated laws governing independent study and hybrid instruction. The need for a workgroup was identified to explore these issues further and identify ways to improve instruction and support student learning.

CCEE HIGHLIGHTS

Executive Director Matt Navo highlighted that the CCEE is currently implementing over 50 initiatives across the state. Dr. Michelle Magyar, CCEE Executive Advisor, reported on the CCEE's [work 2023](#) and shared the 22-23 End of Year [Report](#) and a newly released tool that highlights the CCEE's [impact](#) across California.

Executive Director Navo provided an overview of the work of the CCEE Advisory Council for 22-23. The impact of the Council this year included building awareness for and inviting partnership between the AC, legislature, and SBE. The Council continued to provide information on the purpose, rationale, and strategies of the CCEE. Members have communicated with DOF, SBE, and senate/assembly staff directly. Director Navo noted the multiple ways through which the CCEE receives work and areas of oversight, which include legislative and statutory requirements and the role of the Advisory Council in advising and assisting in implementation of these multiple areas of responsibility.

Members were provided with draft dates for 23-24, provided evaluation of the meeting, and were adjourned.