

TITLE I COMMITTEE OF PRACTITIONERS MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2013

2:00-3:00 P.M.

Wyoming Department of Education Meeting Room, Cheyenne, WY

The Committee of Practitioners met via teleconference during the afternoon of April 11, 2013 for an update on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver. Those members present included: David Holbrook, WDE Federal Programs Director, Jennifer Peterson, Title I Program Manager, Suzanne Martin, Title I Director in Sweetwater County District #1, Keja Whiteman and Ryan Hedges.

David Holbrook brought the meeting to order and began by each member present if they had a chance to go over the information he had submitted to them. Both Suzanne and Keja stated they did receive and had a chance to skim over the information.

ESEA Waiver Red Flags/Questions or Concerns

- 2C iii: Will there easily be 10% every year that falls into those categories?
 - Only looking into the performance of the all students group for the rewards schools.
- What is the definition of “Highest Performing School”?
 - All student groups
 - High progress school that is progressively closing the gap
- What is going on with the Set-Asides?
 - SES and Choice will not be required for set-asides
 - 5-15 % is set on Focus and priority schools
 - Will be figuring out what the percents are then go from there
 - Schools with the largest % enrolled in Focus and Priority Schools will be required to set aside about 15% of their funding.
 - Better use of funding throughout the year rather than the current way of using it only at the end of the year.
- What if a school applies for a 103(a) and 103(g) School Improvement funds?
 - Schools can remove that percent of students from their list
 - Dropping down the percentage of what needs to be set aside
- Is the words Coaches and Liaisons interchangeable or are they 2 different things?
 - Two different things
 - In 2013 school year there will be a transitional period because of the flex waiver.
 - Accountability Act will not be taking affect until the 2014-2015 school year

- Required to have something in place for the transition
- WEA and WDE districts will be required to hire liaisons who will work with the WDE and the districts to make sure that schools that are identified as partially meets or does not meet, or meets expectations but still needs to improve in some areas that will help with this.
- Presently COACHs are being used to do this work
- 2013 continue with COACHS
- 2014 will go to the liaisons
- May hire COACHS that do nothing but work with the Federal side

Committee Recommendations for the Waiver

- Make the COACH/Liaison definitions in the documentation
- Make a timeline table for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 for COACH/Liaison transitions
- Put April-May identification posted on documentation under 2d IV
- Send an email to directors that the waiver is now done and submitted.

Overall opinion of current edition of the waiver

- Comes across clearly
- Well written
- Shows good ideas
- Good Job

All in agreement that the waiver is good as is and is in favor of the accountability system that the WDE is trying to put in place.

Discussed the two PowerPoint presentations under Blackboard Collaborative at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2013.

David then adjourned the meeting.