

# Title I Committee of Practitioners Meeting

September 10, 2014

## **Purpose**

Advise the WDE's Title I programs in ways to maximize use of Federal funds to support student learning, school improvement efforts, and the department strategic plan.

## **Introduction**

Jennifer Peterson began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting. Jennifer also introduced the chair and vice chair of the Title I committee.

## **Attendees**

Suzanne Martin – Chair from Sweetwater County School District #1  
Sherry Lynn – Albany County School District #1  
Lynette Jeffres – Fremont County #25 local board member  
Mary Legler –Private school representative  
Betty Fields –St. Stephens Staff  
Terri Dawson – Pupil services personnel

## **Title I Update**

### **STAR Parent Involvement Presentation**

Overall, members were very pleased with Bernadette Anderson who presented on parent involvement at STAR. WDE is looking to partner with Bernadette to offer more parent involvement tools. Terri - tried to run action teams with ADI. Terri wants a conversation with Jennifer regarding more information and possible tools for districts. Jennifer will set up a conference call with Terri and bring ideas to the COP. Updates and tools for parent involvement are not on website, however, it is in the works. Suzanne - liked STAR (helpful ideas and the two presentations were a nice combo). Betty - Trying to implement some of the tools from STAR; putting into place & getting great response. Jennifer - any info we can give teachers, districts will be helpful and WDE will continue with ADI for assistance.

Sherry Lynn - attended Title I in San Diego. Helpful links: [A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement](#) (2009) developed by the National Center for Family and Community Connections with schools at SEDL.

## **Member Recruitment**

Requested at least two people per category represented. In need of the following members:

2 parents  
1 more pupil services personnel  
1 local board member  
2 teachers

## **Suggestions for Positions**

Suggestions - Terri will talk to a few people and see who she can find. Preference - when talking about parent or local team it is really helpful not to have that person not a school board member; this results in a varying perspective from administrators.

### **Meeting Attendance**

Discussion of better attendance and suggestions. Everyone agreed the keeping the phone meeting is great; it helps with less or no travel time. When available, WEN will be offered and used at the meetings. Members agreed that four meetings throughout the year is adequate; more can be called if necessary. Jennifer plans to keep the four meetings, however, attendance will be determine this. The COP will plan for December with new members. Everyone agrees.

Jennifer will send out email once a month for recruitments and updates. Also need to send out reminder letters.

### **Small School Recognition**

Schools less than 100 wish to be recognized. Working with data team to get the data and present to this group.

### **Schools of Excellence Recognition**

Blue Ribbon schools are waiting for WAEA data to certify that those schools were "Exceeding Expectations" for 2013-2014. Schools are recognized by a press release, plaque, and local ceremony. Schools can opt to travel to DC in November for national recognition. Title I Distinguished schools' application will be available once AYP is released. The selected school will receive a local ceremony, plaque and press release; will also will be sent to Salt Lake City, UT for national recognition.

Suzanne - likes how it's presented; great for the school and community.

### **Closing**

1. Jennifer will be sending out minutes once they are typed.
2. Those who attended STAR pleased with presenter Bernadette Anderson and ADI. Looking to partner with Bernadette Anderson to offer more tools. Also want to keep ADI for help. Great response for both, systematic, great cross programs and resources.
3. Member are needed. See above categories.
4. Working on certifying Blue Ribbon schools. Those recognized receive a press release, plaque, ceremony and this year will be sent to DC.
5. Title I Distinguished schools will be applying once AYP is released and will be recognized in Salt Lake City, UT.
6. Excitement about parent involvement and how it's presented; the support is appreciated.
7. There will be a continuance of four meetings per year. WEN will be used when available.

Meeting began at 4:05 p.m. and adjourned at 4:40 p.m.