

# **Title I Committee of Practitioners**

**December 11, 2013**

**Purpose:** Advise the WDE's Title I programs in ways to maximize use of Federal Funds to support student learning, school improvement efforts, department's strategic plan and review the committee's guidelines.

## **Introduction**

Jennifer Peterson began the meeting by discussing who volunteered to be the chair and the vice chair of the Title I committee.

Suzanne Martin- Chair

Pier Trudelle- Vice Chair

## **Review of Guidelines**

### **Purpose of the Title I Committee of Practitioners**

The Title I Committee of Practitioners is required under Title I to obtain feedback from parents, school district personnel and teachers in different areas to make our program better.

## **Guidelines and Meeting Rules**

The aim for the committee is to still have four meetings per year three would be conference call in or WEN and the last would be a sit down at the School Improvement Conference. The School Improvement Conference will be taking place in March 3 & 4, 2014. Jennifer then asked if the committee was in agreement or had any suggestions. The committee as a whole was in agreement with the meeting times and dates. David then interjected that there may be times when they will have to call a special meeting outside of the regularly scheduled times.

Jennifer will send out an email in the next couple of weeks with dates and times and possible agendas for the meetings.

## **Meeting Schedule**

Quarterly meeting- being held today December 11, 2013

The next three quarterly meetings to be announced at a later time.

Face to Face Meeting to be held during the School Improvement Conference in March 3 & 4, 2014 in Casper, Wyoming. There would also be the option to have those who were not able to make it to call in during the meeting via conference phone. The time and exact date of this meeting will depend on when the awards banquet is scheduled and if David H. or Jennifer P. will need to participate in it.

## **Membership Requirements**

The Committee must have representation from each group.

1. Parents
2. Teachers
3. District Administrators
4. Private Schools
5. Community Services

The committee has at least two representatives from each area except for:

1. Teachers
  - a. There is only one teacher currently being represented

Jennifer then asked if the committee had any suggestions for teachers who might be willing to be part of the committee.

Keja Whiteman then said that she had a list of teachers she would be willing to ask if any of them would be interested. Jennifer then mentioned that they had to be from a Title I school. Any grade level would be acceptable. Jennifer P. will be getting in touch with Keja regarding her list.

David suggested that it would be ideal if we had somebody from middle school since Lindsay is a k-5 representative.

## **Website Update**

Jennifer gave an update on the Wyoming Department of Education putting a tab for the Title I Committee of Practitioners. The following will be put on the website:

1. Guidelines
2. Purpose
3. Membership requirements
4. Current member list

There is currently some information already on the website, however, the WDE is going to working on revamping the website during the next couple of months. They are expected to roll it out sometime in March 2014. Jennifer and David will wait until they get in touch with them regarding the Title I page that way they will have a better lay out for the committee page. Then Jennifer would send the link out to each committee member for input.

## **Title I Updates**

1. ESEA Flexibility Waiver- David H.
  - a. Conference call in July with the Feds. stating that we should consider postponing the waiver to the 2014-2015 school year.
  - b. The Wyoming Accountability School Grading model has been applied in the schools. It is still going through a lot of changes and updates.

- c. In July a list of deal breakers was sent to the WDE and the Feds. said they would be in touch after August. They never got back in touch with us.
- d. A conference call is still in the making regarding if the waiver is feasible.
- e. If it is feasible and we do move forward Jennifer P. and David H. will be coming to the committee for review and suggestions for the Title I content.

### **Regional Training on Parent Involvement**

This was a agenda item suggestion from Pier T. from the last meeting.

1. How can this be incorporated better into the districts.
  - a. Districts coming together or co-sponsor
  - b. State training
  - c. Regional training
  - d. STAR Conference
  - e. Committee members joining together and going out to the districts to help.
  - f. Parent Education Network
  - g. North Central Comprehensive Center
  - h. Regional Education- located in Denver
  - i. Get a few districts to come together to fund the training

### **State System of Support (SSOS) Update**

1. Director Crandall wants to revamp
2. Some districts and superintendents attended a meeting that the WDE had in October
3. Working on greater support for the schools by putting coaches in different regions of the state and set up a leadership team. The coach would work with the leadership team. The leadership team would then in turn work with the school. To insure that they are constantly improving and resolve any problems they may have right away.

### **State System of Support (SSOS) Suggestions**

1. No suggestions were made at this time

### **Title I Schools exiting School Improvement**

1. Looking at how to handle schools that were Title I funded and were in school improvement corrective action or restructuring and now the districts no longer fund that school.
2. They will not subject to any other funds under Title I
3. Have policies and procedures to prevent
  - a. People not funding
  - b. Not allocating the money because they do not want to do the Title I regulations or they want to start over with the school improvements actions.

- c. Have to track schools now with the states consequences versus the federal consequences for gaining Title I funding.
- d. If they lose funding one year then make AYP and are eligible for funding the next year do they come in with a new status or do they come in with the status they had when they left?
- e. If we apply for the waiver this will not be a concern
- f. If we do not apply or do not get a waiver this is a concern
- g. David and Jen will make a draft to go over during the next meeting.

### **Blue Ribbon Schools**

1. David is worked on submitting a new blue ribbon application to the United States department of Education.
2. David sent the application out on December 11, 2014.
  - a. Top ranked schools for WEA will be the top choices
  - b. Not using AYP
  - c. Getting blue ribbon schools out of the AYP status
  - d. Jennifer will send the application out for comments and suggestions for amendments.
  - e. School nominations due January 10, 2014

### **School Improvement Conference**

1. Private Schools and and Title I Schools looking to be recognized
2. Private schools must be accredited

### **Closing**

1. Jen will be sending out an email asking about meeting during the school conference.
2. Jen will be sending out the minutes once they are typed
3. Purpose and guidelines will also be emailed out
4. Need one more teacher and would like suggestions sent to Jennifer so she can talk to them
5. Flex update will update will be sent out as we get updates
6. Pier will receive training information for parent involvement.
7. Jennifer will also send all Title I information
8. Any questions should be sent to Jennifer via email or phone.