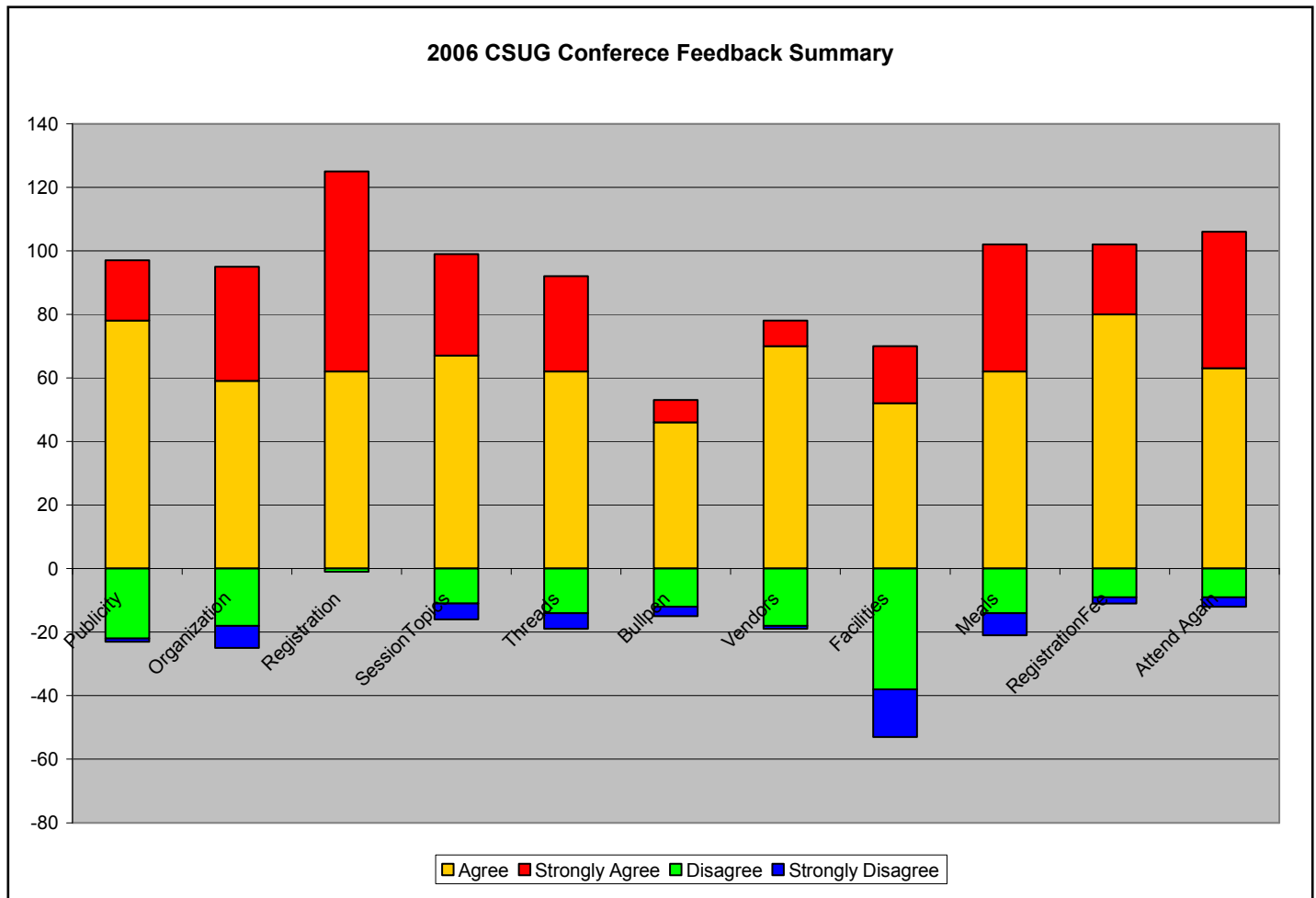


Colorado SIS Users' Group 2006 Conference Evaluation Summary & Comments



1. The Conference was well publicized

- Did not know we needed to download handouts (7)
- Need better notification of final schedules (2)
- Heard about conference from co-worker
- I deleted original email because I did not know what SIS was
- Needed more in-depth descriptions on classes

2. The Conference was well organized

- Great logistical arrangements

3. Conference registration went well

- No comments listed about this topic

4. Conference session topics were timely and useful

- CIC Rocks
- Jim Anderson Rocks
- SASI sessions with general use beyond the basics was good
- Slim pickin's for SASI (6)
- Duplicated information in different SASI sessions (2).
- Sessions seemed geared more for larger districts (2)
- Need more on grading & report cards, AdHoc, and Cube Builder (IC)
- Need more basic SASI info (2)
- Offer beginning and advanced Excel
- I would like to see a Fees class (PowerSchool)
- Seemed unorganized
- Some sessions not useful
- Topics were not useful - I learned nothing new.

5. Session scheduling in "threads" for each type of user was helpful

- Admin and District Threads were useful (but did not pertain to the some of the attendees).
- Need to offer some classes more often (5)
- Need to separate elementary & secondary school users (3)
- Need to be broken into smaller groups (1-year users, 2-year users, etc.) (2)
- Threads not explained in detail (2)
- Separate sessions for those on Campus and those thinking about going to IC
- Please add more choices to all of PowerSchool
- Maybe have sessions at a beginner - intermediate - advanced levels rather than all together.

6. Hands-on experience in the "bullpen" was useful

- Needed more computers (3)
- Never any space available
- Not enough help
- Unable to answer IC questions
- Need to be able to use computers for hands-on learning (in workshops?)
- No sample SASI attendance data
- Need a (cyber) printer installed so preview would work

7. Access to vendors was useful

- Not useful

8. Conference facilities were comfortable and well organized

- Hotel staff kindly changed our hotel room at our request
- Session Rooms too small/crowded (39)
- Rooms too hot/cold (12)
- Preferred the Marriott (10)
- Hotel not well kept; dirty dishes left around (3)
- Bathrooms nasty; not refreshed (3)
- Banquet room too crowded (2)
- Tables would be nice (2)
- Difficult intersection to navigate (2)
- Screens too small
- No workout rooms/hot tub/pool

9. Conference meals and snacks were satisfying

- Food was super
- No/late snacks on Tuesday (5)
- Not enough snacks (4)
- Long lunch lines (2)
- Food was terrible and cold (2) {"I'll bring my own"}
- Poor breakfast
- Work on snacks

10. The registration fee for the conference was reasonable

- No comments listed about this topic

11. I would attend another Colorado SIS Users' Group Conference

- No comments listed about this topic

12. Other Comments

- Presenters knowledgeable/positive/ patient (3)
- Great conference (2)
- Very helpful; a lot of information (2)
- Very informative conference
- Thanks for posting handouts online
- Instructors dealt well with over-crowding
- Worth staying the entire time
- Glad that CSUG restructured as CSISUG
- Thanks for all your hard work to run three conferences in one and make it all work!
- My first conference - well worth it!
- Great two days!
- Great conference - learned a lot.

- I appreciate the hours & hours of work you all put into making this conference happen.
- Presentations from folks in the trenches rather than from vendors were most helpful. Just really like seeing what other people really do rather than with might happen in "theory". Also like them as informal as possible
- Always good to get together and learn from one another
- Would like handouts (9)
- Wireless connections failed (8)
- Some of the IC trainers were not experienced and could not answer some questions. (8)
- A session began 10 mins early (3)
- Worst conference I have attended in four years. Should get a refund.
- Not as nice as last year. Space was a very, very big problem.
- Very disappointed in the overcrowded conference. Should not have to stand or sit on the floor for the amount of money paid!
- Seems you were unprepared for the amount of attendees - money was paid and we were not let into sessions because of overcrowding.
- Should not have over-enrolled IC classes
- Overall waste of time.
- Attendees were rude to some presenters (talking during session)
- Will SASI be faded out?

Recommendations/Suggestions

- Use postmarked day for cutoff; keep number of attendees manageable or increase the number of sessions
- Pre-registration for sessions (2)
- Plan for larger accommodations for the user group for next year. (7)
 - Consider Colorado Springs area
- Review school presentation info to be sure information is accurate
- Include protein for breakfast (eggs, cheese).
- Invite Teachers
- Let registrants know that wireless hi-speed internet access is available

Infinite Campus

Sessions most helpful to me included:

- All Infinite Campus sessions (5)
- Jeff Brad's sessions (3)
- Melissa Shields' sessions (2)
- Activities/Eligibility/Grading
- Ad-Hoc (15)
 - For Beginners (13)
 - Ad-Hoc + Cube Builder (4)
 - Adv & SQL Pass-thru (3)
- Attendance & Letters (2)
- Behavior
- Customizing IC
- Custom Reports w/ SQL
- Day-to-Day Operations (6)
- Elementary New Year Set-up
- FDF (2)
- Fees
- ILP
- K-5 Gradebook (2)
- Messenger Portal Setup (2)
- New student enrollment/Walk-in Scheduler (3)
- New Year Setup (3)
- New Year Rollover
- Parent Portal
- Transcripts/Grad Planning (4)
- Reports, Reports, Reports (2)
- Scheduling Wizard (12)
- Secondary Lesson Planner/Gradebook (3)
- Security and Support (3)
- SPED-IEP (3)
- Test Creations (2)
- Transcripts

Sessions least helpful to me included:

- Most Infinite Campus Sessions
- Beginning Ad-Hoc - session 1 by IC's CEO (2)
- Advanced Ad-Hoc (5)
 - Advanced & SQL Pass through Ad Hoc (4)
- Behavior
- Census (5)
- Custom Reports with SQL
- Health
- Messenger
- Reports, Reports, Reports (6)
- Standards Based Report Cards (4)
- State Reporting Made Easy
- SQL
- Walk-in Scheduling (2)

PowerSchool

Sessions most helpful to me included:

- All PowerSchool sessions (2)
- Basic Reports
- DDE
- Eligibility
- Object Reports
- PowerGrade
- Reporting
- Searching (2)

Sessions least helpful to me included:

- Advanced Reports
- Object Reports
- Opening Session

SASI

Sessions most helpful to me included:

- Advanced Query (7)
- Basic Query (5)
- Basic Applications
- Groups
- IGPro/ClassXP
- Secondary Grading & Course History
- Secondary Scheduling (2)
- Standard Reports
- Troubleshooting

Sessions least helpful to me included:

- Basic Reports
- Bells and Whistles
- Enrollment
- Groups (2)
- Mail Merge (3)
- Troubleshooting

General sessions

Sessions most helpful to me included:

- CDE (2)
- Infinite Campus Overview (2)
- SIS-Excel Tips & Tricks (21)

Sessions least helpful to me included:

- Infinite Campus Overview (2)