

**Minutes of Colorado SASIxp™ Users Group  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 12, 2004**

**Time & Place:** 9:00 a.m., Adams County School District #12 Administration Building

- Jim Anderson, Denver
- Alan Bentz, Adams 14
- Steve Bohlender, CIC
- Cindy Dunn, Academy
- Cam Fuerniss, Thompson
- Ann Godfrey, Brighton (Adams 27J)
- Kathy Green, Douglas County
- Linda Hayes, Adams 12
- Von Kiyomi, Falcon Dist. 49
- Wes Kopp, Adams 12
- Chris McQuain, Thompson
- Liz Mobley, Widefield
- Patrick Mount, Windsor
- Nancy Oats, Colorado Deaf & Blind
- Jamie Ray, Lewis-Palmer
- Patty Roundy, Aurora
- Phil Schlesinger, Pearson
- Melinda Trickey, Fort Morgan
- Marilyn Sonnkalb, Jeffco

**Business Meeting:**

- ListServ and Web Site Discussion
  - Brian Friberg from Adams 12 presented five considerations for list serves in general. We are now experiencing some inconsistencies with Topica as a ListServ provider.
  - After a brief discussion, it was determined that Adams 12 will now host our ListServ, and we discussed methods by which we would build the new list. Jim will send a message to all members on the Topica ListServ, and those wanting to continue will need to register on the new ListServ.
  - The web site has been moved, so previous bookmarks are no longer accurate. Users are encouraged to visit [www.csug.net](http://www.csug.net) and update those bookmarks.
  - Jim will contact members of the ListServ and names on the 'Participating Districts' web page in order to obtain current information, as some of the contacts are out of date.
- CSUG Board Elections
  - Ballots were sent to the CSUG participating district's primary contacts on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ballots must be returned to Jim Anderson by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If a district contact did not receive a ballot, please contact Jim for a ballot, and Patrick to update the web site links.
- Pearson SASIxp Update
  - Pearson will extend support for Windows 98, since Microsoft has relented on its plans to stop its support of that operating system. Details will follow from Pearson.
  - Pearson will be publishing hardware & software optimal requirements for those employing a Thin Client solution such as Citrix. Will address network sizing and load balancing.
  - District Integration improvements:
    - Copy complete files between schools and district (both ways)

- Load and extract from the district database in bulk
    - Is creating a District Database Consolidation improvement.
  - Long-term roadmap:
    - To provide existing functionality, which is unique in the market.
    - Adding current market features such as a web-based solution.
  - IGPro update:
    - Will be fixing issues related to emailing progress reports – this will be addressed this summer – look for July disbursement.
    - IGPro Server will be updated to address the data repository concerns
    - IGPro boots up in Classic mode on the Macs; looking for a way to improve this.
  - A Supplemental Release for v6.0 is due at the end of April. Service Pack due at the end of May.
- Wes Kopp inquired about each district’s Technology Department and SASI support structure. In many cases, the Director of Technology reports directly to the Superintendent. SASI support teams tended to fall under either the Technology Department or Learning Services. In the case of the latter, the directors do not seem to understand the requirements of the support team. SASI support teams get tend to get moved between Technology and Learning Services (Assessment) because of its dual nature of being a technology product that supports essential student data.
- May User’s Day
  - Pearson will present a formal ‘Where is SASIxp Going’ session.
  - Would like CDE to present an update to the Automated Data Exchange and EOY reporting. Jim will contact Martina or Jan Rose Petro to present this information
    - 7:30 - Continental breakfast
    - 8:00 – CDE: update to the Automated Data Exchange and EOY reporting
    - 9:15 – Pearson: ‘Where is SASIxp Going’
    - 10:45 – CSAP data analysis tools: MasterMiner (Patrick) and Score Analyzer (CIC – Steve Bohlender)
  - Will be held at the Adams County District 12 Administration Building, room A.
  - Districts will need to RSVP to Jim Anderson.

**Some Items from District Sharing:**

- DPS
  - Had troubles with SASIxp v6.0 on the Mac OS 8.6, and thus did up upgrade to SASIxp v6.0 as planned. Can be solved by downloading the CarbonLib from Apple and installing on each client machine.
  - Each school runs Job Queue for weekly maintenance.
  - Have moved 40 schools from Novell to Windows Servers.
- Aurora
  - Promoted Peggy Carlson from Help Desk to SASIxp Applications Specialist position.
  - Replaced enter and leave codes to reflect State’s codes
  - Planning to purchase InTouch State Reporting, hoping to implement for CDE2 Report
  - Updated Tranquility over Spring Break, wanting to upgrade to web based version this summer.

- Will upgrade to SASI v6.0 this summer
- Will phase out Macintosh machines throughout the district
- Recently purchased Reorg tool from Jeff Morgan, and will implement this soon.
- Jeffco
  - Still holding with v4.5
  - Trying to get more departmental data into SASIxp.
- Thompson
  - Currently running v5.0, will upgrade to v6.0 this summer
  - Updated common Language Codes and Enrollment Codes
  - Having trouble with room assignments in Scheduler Pro. Phil Schlesinger (Pearson) stated that these issues may be addressed in either v6.0 or in one of the forthcoming updates.
  - Recently purchased CIC's Report Wizard. Plan to use for elementary report cards.
- Fort Morgan
  - Will implement ELA atom
  - Running v6.0 since February
- Adams 12
  - Running v5.5
  - Challenged with NCLB, and trying to get accreditation info into SASIxp from personnel records.
- Academy
  - Running v5.02, will test first then install v6.0 this summer.
  - Inquired about Language Codes, which can be downloaded from CDE's News & Updates page. These codes are to be used for October Count in 2004.
- Colorado Deaf & Blink
  - Upgraded to 6.0
  - Will purchase InTouch Reports
  - Will have to file October and December 1 Counts electronically for the first time this fall. Inquired about how districts gather the info for Dec 1 count.
- Lewis-Palmer
  - Busy with scheduling, students are entering their own requests.
  - Will move off of SASIxp for next year.
- Falcon
  - Will bring up ELA atom soon.
  - Considering software (such as PrinciPalm) for storing SASI data on PDAs.
  - Reviewing software for finance and SPED.
  - Will upgrade to v6.0 this summer.
- Widefield
  - Had intended to purchase and implement Tranquility's Web product. However, none of the Colorado forms will be available until February. Tranquility has offered to install the legacy version, but extra training costs will not permit this.
  - On v5.5.3; will upgrade to v6.0 this summer.
- Windsor
  - Upgraded to v6.0 over Spring Break, went well except that CLASSxp does not bring up the teacher's seating charts at one school. Group recommended deleting ACX files and recreating seats.
- Douglas County

- Happy with v6.0 except for printing on the Macs. Impressed with the Temp Delete and Orphan Delete atoms that came with this updated version.
- Kathy provided encouragement to those districts seeking to input additional October Count data into SASIxp, as this has been beneficial for them.
- Adams 14
  - Implementing ELA. Will be training next week; data is already in.
  - Will be upgrading to v6.0 this summer.
  - Inquired about Infant/Toddler (Colorado Pre-School Program). Some districts store them in a virtual school.
- Brighton (Adams 27J)
  - Ann impressed with the Extended Test History reports, although they require schedules for students in order to run.
  - Implementing Special Ed Atom, and will soon import data. Still using current IEP software, although rumors circulate that Federal and State IEP reporting criterion will be updated.
  - Imported data in ELA atom.
  - Announced that Dragon from InTouch would like to meet with districts owning their State Reporting program. Ann will coordinate that following the meeting.
- CIC
  - Steve recommended running Pearson's 'Where is SASIxp Going' presentation as a WebEx feature for districts unable to attend the May User's Day.
  - Expressed thanks for the opportunity to present CIC's products at the conference.
  - Will release a web version of the Score Analyzer later this month. This will allow for cross-platform and real-time output.
- Pearson
  - Reiterated its commitment to quality. Also sees opportunity to improve.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 am. Next event will be the Spring User's Day on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Adams 12 District Administration Center. Next Steering Committee meeting is slated for Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.