

# Minutes of the Colorado SASIxp Users Group Steering Committee Meeting

August 1, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Adams County School District #12 Administration Building

## Meeting called by:

Jim Anderson @ 9:00 am

## Attendees:

Adams 12, Wes Kopp  
Windsor, Patrick Mount  
Ft. Morgan RE 3, Melinda Trickey  
Denver Public Schools, Jim Anderson  
CIC, Steve Bohlender  
Pearson, Beverley Bighorse  
Douglas County, Anita McLain  
Brighton 27J, Ann Godfrey  
Adams 14, Allen Bentz  
Aurora, Patty Roundy  
Adams 12, Linda Hayes  
Littleton, Jeremy Felker  
Adams 14, Brian Fuller  
Summit RE 1, Patty Fry  
Douglas County, Janece Rogers  
Boulder, Joe McBreen

## -----Minutes-----

### Business Meeting:

- Discussion with the group regarding the design of the CSUG Website to reflect all name changes and group student information systems used by districts together. Legal aspects are being taken care of regarding name change.
- Add Power School to the list of student information systems on the website. Patty Fry will work on getting other Power School users to attend meetings.
- Asked Beverly from Pearson to find out what districts went with Centerpoint and invite them to the meetings.
- Continue the meetings with a shared discussion around State Reporting issues then break off into SIS specific groups to discuss what happening in each district.
- Discussion about whether or not to have the conference in February. Everyone was in favor of putting on the conference again with a mixed SIS agenda. The Radisson is reserved for February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Questions brought up: Would the conference be larger and should we include Unite? Multiple vendors do not seem to be an issue at other conferences. How does CDE fit into the conference? User days are better for

CDE and other vendor related topics and presentations. How would we distribute the sessions for different student systems? Would Power School be represented? See how many rooms are reserved before deciding how many sessions can be offered.

- User Day – next meeting, September 12, 2005 – CDE open discussion and Conference planning will be the topics.
- Ann Godfrey will e-mail CDE contacts to find out what SIS they are using and invite them to the meetings.

**District Sharing:**

- Brighton – Lots of reconstruction over the summer. Maintaining status quo. Applied SP2 and Maintenance patch over the summer. Noticed slowness problem almost at the same time as SASI update. Discovered that it was related to the Anti Virus software.
- Aurora – On SASI 6.1 converting to Infinite Campus. 1st conversion done and working on data cleanup in SASI. Had several planning meetings with IC and Administrative Training. Go live dates: Elementary schools on October 31<sup>st</sup> and Secondary schools on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Have a new charter school they picked up from Denver. Conversion of Tranquility to Clarity has gone well. Go live date for Clarity is planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school.
- Summit – On Power School since beginning of school last year. Web-based, central database. They had to learn a lot. All canned reports had to be created. None come standard with the system. The scheduler is very good. Overall they are happy with the system. School users would be very interested in a User's Conference put on by CSUG.
- Douglas County – On SASI 6.1. Planning to convert to Infinite Campus 2<sup>nd</sup> semester sometime. No definite dates yet. Busy and stressful due to Phyllis's taking the job at CIC. They have 3 new schools opening this fall.
- Adams 12 – On SASI 6.12. No update over the summer. Some screen changes. Dick Announced that Dick Barkey has retired. Getting ready to install IG Pro v9.2.
- Littleton – Converted over to IC in March of 05. Partial rollout of secondary schools. Using Parent Portal and Messenger. The Grade book is not mandatory at this time. Standardized their course master. Arena scheduling did not go well, but the scheduler within the system worked very good. Working with SQL Reporting Services to create custom reports for users. The PSEO Tab in IC must be cleared every year. Currently there is no way to keep the data from year to year. Rollover does not make sense to them in IC for 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Working with IC to get variable fees added to system. V2006.1 fixed locker problem, but broke 4 other things. Cache issues with IC. It helps to increase the amount of cache on the computer and change the settings to always get a new page. If using a proxy server, bypass for local addresses.
- CIC – Trying to survive August. Hired Ann Taylor and Phyllis Dickerson. Will help CSUG with any IC issues if they can. CSAP scores are currently not in any districts IC. CIC is working on more buckets for scores, etc.
- Boulder – In the process of training 400 Special Ed staff on IC for start of school. They broke the Active Mask in IC for Grading Tasks. The save button will disappear on MAC's with OS9. Refresh does bring it back.
- Adams 14 – Live on IC today. They are experiencing problems when printing transcripts (multi-pages), but others say that the problem is version related and it has been fixed in the update. Enrollment codes must be state codes in order for state reporting to work.
- Pearson – Training on Centerpoint and working a lot on State Reporting.

- Windsor – On SASI 6.1, waiting to hear if v6.2 is okay. Brighton reported that everything is working fine with the v6.2 update. Updated J Reports over the summer and all the old reports are still working fine.
- Ft Morgan – On SASI 6.1. Everything is working fine. They had quite a bit of construction over the summer. Verified that the official October Count day is September 30, 2005.
- Denver Public Schools – Live on IC on July 11, 2005. Implementation occurred between March and July with 3 total test conversions and 1 “Go Live” conversion. Training has been on-going using the train the trainers model and documentation from IC that they have changed to follow the DPS model. Have developed online video training for teachers with online assessments. Links to video training is available to other districts as well as information on what and how they developed the videos. A school tech rep has been determined and will serve as there first line of defense for support issues at the schools. They are receiving a \$200 stipend. Enrollments and guardians are added by the sites and the IT Department is adding the addresses and relationships and creating the household that the student is attached to. Implementing the full-blown dialer (Messenger) which will call all phone 3’s in the system. Parent portal has an option to choose what #'s are called on the dialer. One problem with Messenger is that a parent/guardian can get multiple messages every day by teachers, office, etc. Denver created an Enrollment Verification Form with the help of IC. It is a custom form written in SQL Reporting Services and can be available to other districts.

Jeremy from Littleton added that SQL Stored Procedures to pull data out for other systems (VersaTrans, Clarity, etc.) works well and are easy to create and run.

The next meeting will be the CSUG User Day, scheduled for September 12, 2005 at Adams 12. An agenda will be mailed out soon.