

# GDS Phase 2 Advisory Committee Meeting

2/19/2008

1:30 PM

South Executive Conference Room - Teleconference

Meeting called by: Debi Jackson

Attendees: Brad Hardison, Rose Sgroi, Cherie Hood, Debi Jackson, Bryan Dickason, James Shumate, Lora Jo Bossio, Lorie Trapani, Nancy Solyn, John Bays, Thea Pot-Van Atta, Helen Yang, Justin Masters, Olivia Garcia, Kim Tran, Jerry Perez, Craig Yamamoto, Craig Slaughter, Heidi Dillion, Rivka Weinberg

Please bring:

## Agenda

Introduction	Debi
Demonstration of Web Services	Debi - all
Open discussion / Summary	Team

## Additional Information

Next Meeting 4 March 2008

## Review Requirements

The Advisory Committee met to review the demonstration of the Web Services client that CSAC developed to explain what web services are and how it will relate to the phase 2 of the GDS Real Time project. The members had a little trouble logging into CCC Confer but we had 13 members join in.

Bryan Dickason explained that the web services client that CSAC developed was a tool for schools to use the web services that have been established. This is a sample tool and will not be enhanced or altered by CSAC. The goal is to have the vendors of the 62 different FAMS systems to build the schools a customized interface so that the FAMS system can upload and download data directly from the GDS Real Time system. The displaying of the data using the CSAC tool is not how Web Services should work. Web services does not have a display. For the interim CSAC created this tool and created an Access database so the schools can download and use. This would allow schools to download the data and use Access to customize the information. Schools could then import this information into their FAMS systems or send back corrected data to CSAC. This tool is the starting point for creating web services for CSAC and the schools so CSAC kept the tool simplistic. This will reduce training and eliminate confusion.

Bryan explained each screen and the functionality. Bryan demonstrated the downloading of GPAs from CSAC to a school. He then made changes to a few students and uploaded the changes back to CSAC using the web service client. Bryan showed this using the Access database as a temporary data storage since the interface directly with the FAMS systems has not be established yet.

Rose asked questions concerning security and how would CSAC ensure that the school downloading information would only get their school's information. Justin Masters and John Bays provided answers concerning the security. Each school would register for a server certificate through CSAC. This certificate would know that IP address of the PC accessing the web service and know which school it is by the certificate. Schools would be restricted to their data only.

The data exchanges from CSAC and the Schools would be in an XML format.

Debi Jackson asked members how they liked the tool and if it was easy to operate for staff. Members stated that they liked the tool they thought it was usable and simplistic for all staff to use.

Debi Jackson developed a web site on the CSAC home page that has information about the project, minutes and the project documentation. Please visit the web site and provide feedback. This is a public access site so no member information was displayed. I am keeping the information for public viewing. We will discuss the web site at the next meeting. [http://www.csac.ca.gov/gds\\_web2\\_doc.asp?id=1335](http://www.csac.ca.gov/gds_web2_doc.asp?id=1335)

**Tasks:** All members view the project web site and provide feedback.

**Open Tasks** Bryan will gather the definitions of the reports (requirement #18) so they can be reviewed.

**Open Tasks:** Bryan will interview Ophelia Barton at CSAC. Bryan will draft up her needs and it will be discussed at the 5 February Meeting.

## Open Discussion

Tasks:

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**Review feedback from demonstration and the web site.**