

# **District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Agenda**

Sept. 30, 2014

Education Service Center: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

## **Purpose of D.A.A.C.:**

The law mandates that each school district has a District Accountability Advisory Committee to set and oversee goals, address concerns about schools and the district as a whole. The DAAC meets monthly in the Education Service Center with representatives from each school and District and Board of Education representation.

**Call Meeting to Order** In the absence of the chair and vice chair, the meeting was called to order at 6:05 by the DAAC Secretary, Karen Hobson. Sophie Hansen was appointed to take the minutes.

**Introductions** After introductions, individuals were asked to submit an application if they are replacing their DAAC representative from their school. The application can be found online. Mr. Hilts will print some off tonight.

**Approval of Agenda** The agenda was approved by consent.

**Approval of Minutes** The minutes will be posted on the Wiki and approved at the next meeting.

## **Administration Update - Peter Hilts**

- First time in a decade there are five returning board members – stability is critical.
- College prep – all three high schools have positive trend in the past 3 years.
- ACT scores doing well, although TCAP declining.
- DIBELS assessments three times a year – positive results for K-2 grade. Third grade not as positive, working on that. Focus on primary literacy.
- The district was one of three in the state being recognized nationally as being fiscally responsible. The support of the bond/mill levy will show the taxpayers trust in the district. Oct. 9 the Board of Education will endorse the ballot language. Clear endorsements from the media.
- Looking at Oct. Count and the number of students choosing in vs. choosing out.
- Focus for elementary level is literacy. Focus for secondary level is the 49 pathways – every student will have individualized learning plan.
- Special Education – increased budgeting and staff. Saving money by bringing staff into the district instead of paying for services.

## **Board Update – Kevin Butcher**

- Capital Planning Committee – made decisions to present best plan to a frugal community
- Mill Levy Override – no concerns

## **Speakers**

- 2014 Student Achievement TCAP Results – Amber Whetstine – Growth percentiles may end up looking different, as more information is coming from the state. DAAC members should ask to see their school's report. Look at

last year's UIP to analyze what worked and what didn't work to determine changes that might be needed. How will the district avoid misadministration in the future? With the new state assessment there is active proctoring in all test areas. There is monthly training for assessment coordinators. One advantage of CMAS is longer testing time, but the student doesn't have to use it all. Peter Hiltz indicated that some subgroups were getting ignored in the past, but the new test gives a more level playing field.

- (Question: Can the misadministered tests' data be extracted from the results? Answer: Yes.) The norming for the assessments will be completed in the Fall of 2016.

### **Unfinished Business (DAAC Chair Dana Palmer took the chair to preside at 7:15)**

Subcommittee Membership – typically 2-3 people. Meets as necessary.

- Parent Engagement subcommittee (per BOE request)
- Budget subcommittee (met in Dec. 2013 – then monthly) – will work with Brett Ridgway
- Unified Improvement Plan subcommittee – will work with Amber Whetstone
- Charter Subcommittee (For Trail Ridge Academy Review in January 2015) – received application in spring 2014 – the DAAC Charter Subcommittee had some concerns, recommended denial of the application – the Board of Education provisionally and conditionally approved the application
- Bylaws subcommittee – Peter Hiltz has formulated some recommended changes that were presented to the board.
- School Conduct and Discipline Code subcommittee – new committee - creation and implementation of district discipline code to insure consistency. There should be an annual review cycle. One of DAAC responsibilities. Will work with Dr. Lou Fletcher. Lou will also take the role of the administration liaison to DAAC.

Will send out more information to see if there is interest. Some will meet within the next 30 days.

### **New Business**

1. District Initiatives for 2014-2015
  - Primary Literacy – need to address the downward trend – Kristy . reporting data to the board now. Tracking “red” students (those that are unsatisfactory) – principals need to know who those kids are. Must have personal contact with parents. Fall Literacy Camp. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: below proficient to be visited. District wide book drive for elementary students. A suggestion was made to work with the Pikes Peak Library District to be more accessible to students (particularly HMS).
2. 49 Pathways – The path for success is different for each student, but all need to be ready for post secondary/workforce readiness. ICAPs built for each student. The district hired more counselors for high schools.
3. Election of Officers – The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary are elected annually – Dana Palmer thanked the members for their support and indicated she would not serve again as chair, and that Randy Feola would not serve as vice chair. Karen Hobson was nominated and elected as secretary. David Rex was nominated and elected as Vice Chair. Erica West was nominated and elected as Chair. David and Erica's positions are provisional pending their applications and acceptance by the BOE as DAAC members.
4. DAAC Meeting Schedule – traditionally met on last Tues. – motion to approve meeting schedule – carried. Dates for upcoming meetings: Oct. 28, Dec. 2, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 17, Apr. 28, and May 19

**School Reports** – Ridgeview Elementary SAC members signed a resolution to support the bond and mill levy resolutions. The Falcon High School SAC was not made aware of the resolutions. The Meridian Ranch

Elementary SAC voted to sign a resolution supporting the bond and mill levy resolutions.

**Other** - Matt Meister has prepared summaries of the bond projects for each school.

- Discussion that per CO Statute, CDE guidelines approving ballot resolutions is not a power or duty of the DAAC.
- Discussion on the process of the charter application and the subsequent provisional approval.
- Kevin Butcher indicates that the question on whether to support the resolution comes down to whether the bond and mill levy are in the best interest of our students and community.
- Discussion regarding concerns that the ballot resolutions are not the same as the actual ballot language.

**Public Forum**

- John Newbill moves to revise agenda to reopen New Business. Motion carries.
- Al Coxe moves to add to new business to address resolutions. Motion carries.
- Dana Palmer moves to approve only the last sentence for 3B (removing the Whereas statements). Motion carries.
- Al Coxe moves to approve only the last sentence for 3A (removing the Whereas statements). Motion carries.

**Public Forum**

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

**Next meeting is October 28 at the Education Service Center in the board room.**