

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)

May 19, 2015 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Erica West, at 6:04 p.m. Introductions were made. The agenda was approved by consent. The April 28, 2015 minutes were approved by consent.

Administration Update: Schools need to make their SAC meetings public by posting agendas and posting minutes within a week of the meeting so parents know what is going on. Publishing next year's DAAC meetings should help SACs with their schedule. The individuals on the Charter School Subcommittee need to review and put scores in for the two applications received.

Board Update: Springs Studio for Academic Excellence is the new name for the former Falcon Virtual Academy. The name better represents their school. Found it interesting to hear each (FVA) senior gives three words reflecting how they feel at graduation. The new Pony Tracks building is named Creekside Center. Pikes Peak Community College is renting space, which allows college classes for concurrent enrollment to be conducted on site. Al Coxe did a good job presenting the DAAC budget recommendation to the school board. The board is hoping to eliminate redundancy among district committees. The school fee structure is being assessed to bring consistency throughout the district.

Transportation Presentation – Jack Pietraallo – Transportation Manager – stressed the large amount of territory covered each day by their drivers. A question was asked about seat belts in the buses. Jack indicated it would be expensive to retrofit the buses with seat belts and that studies have not shown them to make the buses any safer. There is a 25% turnover of drivers. They are hoping to offer hiring bonuses and take advantage of work fairs. There was a question asked about letting volunteers ride buses to help curb behavior issues. Probably not because of confidentiality – but will look into it more.

Guest Speaker: Meghan Sanders – Skyview M.S. survey – The Infinite Campus survey developed was difficult to use, so she created a google form. Users can provide feedback and remain anonymous. They more than doubled their responses. She is willing to help anyone interested in developing a survey.

Unfinished Business

A. Subcommittee updates:

- Parent Engagement subcommittee – no update
- Budget subcommittee – felt the process was better, with increased frequency and number attending. Last year's priorities were presented by zones, whereas this year's priorities were by building. Should spending priorities be looked at for commonalties or due to "backpack" funding, just highlight building priorities? Maybe there should be ongoing presentations during DAAC. The board wants to make sure parents have input in the process through the SACs. Some SACs are concerned that their school's priorities were already set. The board looks at the DAAC input in conjunction with

the proposed budget. There should be some uniformity with what they see. If there is a disparity, it will be discussed.

- Unified Improvement Plan subcommittee – no update
- Charter subcommittee – Haven't met and need a chair. Received two applications and recommendations need to be in by May 25th. Both schools plan to open for the '16-'17 school year. There was a concern expressed about one of the schools offering the same program as a current charter, affecting enrollment. Al Coxe indicated the rubric used to evaluate the applications takes a hard look at where students will come from. Dana Palmer talked about how the School District 20 process for approving charter schools is more than a rubric. There has been improvement made in meeting the needs of our students over the past couple years. The district needs to recapture the charter kids leaving district. A suggestion was made that the district use its resources and time to strengthen the programs we currently have.
- Bylaws subcommittee – no update
- School conduct and discipline code subcommittee – The committee hasn't really met, it's been sporadic, but would like to have more participation and better input from community. How can the cell phone policy be changed? Provide input to Lou. He'll review with others at the district. Lou said buildings could be more restrictive than the policy, but must go to the board so they are aware.
- Zone subcommittee – has met – covered objectives and discovered a lack of plans and what the goal was for innovation. There is a document that was presented by Peter Hiltz, when he was a consultant, when he presented to the board in 2010-2011 as a story board business plan. Lou is checking to see if there was a document or picture of the story board from that meeting. Matt Langdon will send out the date of the next meeting.

- B. SAC training – polled for preference – August seemed most feasible. Not sure what the format will be yet. There may be a part on schoology, then come together with questions/discussion. What about DAAC training? Maybe develop a train the trainer program and take info from DAAC to SAC. There is a movement to develop a leadership academy to inform community members.

New Business

Consideration of student DAAC members – students have been on some of the SACs. Students should be brought in at SAC level before bringing them to DAAC, as there is a different level of responsibility. Maybe put a restriction that students had to be on SAC for a year before on DAAC. They would be a non-voting member. This would allow us to really hear from the students. How can we grow a sense of community with the students. Discuss with SACs – look at next year.

Publishing of SAC information – send your schedule of meetings to Lou in Aug. so he can let the community know.

School Reports: Falcon H.S. released a draft of their grading system for next year. The community will have input until June 7. Springs Ranch – their final assembly was staff musical. Springs Ranch also has a proposed SAC calendar – looking at meeting

monthly. Vista Ridge – their SAC will meet in June.

Other

Public Forum

Al Coxe is concerned with the financial impact of Gervais syndrome on the district. He has contacted three congressmen to alert them of the concern.

Summer school – Title I reading school, may be only for special needs.

Honeywell – Earth Day tomorrow – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

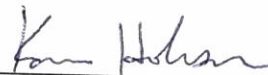
The next meeting is August 25, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Karen Hobson, Secretary

Approved

Date 12-1-15



Attached:

5-19-15 – Sign In Sheet

Transportation Presentation