

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)

April 26, 2016 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the vice chair, David Rex, at 6:05 p.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

Lou Fletcher asked to add Concurrent Enrollment presentation after the cannabinoid policy update. The agenda, as amended, was approved by consent. The minutes from March 15, 2016 were approved by consent.

Administration Update – Dr. Lou Fletcher – would speak during policy update.

Board Update – Mr. Kevin Butcher – highlighted the “every student” rock and indicated the district is receiving national attention following cannabinoid decisions. The cost is about \$50,000-\$60,000 per student and the district has had about 40 students over the last couple years. The BOE must consider the financial consequences and how to handle the potential influx of students. A communications policy concerning controversial issues is being developed, a need highlighted by the Falcon H.S. graffiti incident. The BOE is focusing on election planning and will be asking for another mill levy override; is working on the performance reviews for the chief budget officer and the chief operations officer; and is working on the budget. Karen spoke to the Facility Performance Scorecard. She asked how they were paid for and why the buildings weren't given an opportunity to give input before they were printed. She suggested that there may be other programs that should have been highlighted over what was printed. Buildings should give feedback to Kevin and Lou for any desired changes. The scorecards are also online and can easily be changed.

Update – Cannabinoid products policy – A district video was shown highlighting some of the students impacted. There is a concern with funding. It's a dilemma on how we help give kids what they need. Zack Craddock, Director of Special Services, has put a policy letter together for individualized education that students could not opt in to the district to receive these services. Dave Cruson asked if there has been any conversation with other districts that may be working on similar policy. Lou indicated there are some that are closed to the idea and others that are doing something. Maine has a policy. There is a misperception on the use of tax revenue from pot sales being used for schools. There has been more revenue collected from marijuana than alcohol; however, it is used to fund BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) grants, which primarily benefits capital improvements for rural schools. Matt Landon asked why storage is an issue. Lou indicated the district was being as conservative as possible. Cheryl DeGeorge indicated there was concern because the school nurse can't administer. Tambria Miller asked if there is a plan on how to compensate for the financial shortfall. There was also a question about insurance and whether premiums would increase. Karen asked about getting a dollar amount of shortfall for the SPED program. Brett Ridgway has a good handle on it.

Concurrent Enrollment – Mary Perez – The district is working to get high school teachers certified to teach concurrent classes. Weighted grades could allow a student to be valedictorian, although some districts are moving away from rankings and are using percentage rankings

instead. Brian Swanson has questions about when students are taking classes – most were prerequisites when he was in high school. Mary answers that students are opting to take college level classes, which give them a year credit for a semester class. Cheryl indicated they are higher level classes. Matt Landon asks why would a student take AP classes when they can do Concurrent Enrollment quicker. It depends on which college you go to whether you get credit for AP (3 or 5). Michelle Wendt asked if it was only for advanced students. No, it prepares any student to be successful. The mill levy is paying for most of the tuition currently. Over time as classes collapse, it frees up FTE to pay for CE – so funding will move to the zones.

Unfinished Business

- a. Subcommittee updates:
 - Budget subcommittee – get input to Erica on general fund inputs – focused on MLO - endorsed some, cautioned on some lockers/tile.
 - Bylaws subcommittee – did not meet
 - Charter subcommittee
 - Parent Engagement subcommittee – did not meet
 - Restorative Practices subcommittee – part of monthly meeting presented resolution to BOE – accepted – redoing discipline matrix – working on conduct policy
 - Unified Improvement Plan subcommittee – did not meet
 - Zone subcommittee – did not meet – Matt is looking for someone to take over as chair. The intent of the subcommittee is to look at how the zones formed. Are there benefits and, if so, document on the website to market. Pros/cons will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. District Initiatives for 2015-2016
 - Primary Literacy – Karen shared information on the upcoming Black Educator Network Literacy Festival on April 30. It's free and open to all.
 - 49 Pathways

New Business

Next year's proposed DAAC schedule will be presented next meeting.

SRES SAC would like more training and information about the duties of DAAC/SAC.

Junior Achievement looking for volunteers – let Kevin know if interested.

School Reports

SES – field day May 9; choir concerts; testing

FMS – big testing kick off assembly with Olympic weight lifter, paralympian cyclist, first female Ranger graduate, Sox the Fox, and former professional football player. Mr. Smith, principal, recognized as outstanding leader at the Falcon Education Foundation dinner

RMCA – testing over, field day

FES – family Title 1 night – Charlotte's Web culmination

WHES – UIP turned in, looking at bylaws

RVES – finished PARCC – PTA getting bounce house, digital sign on school

FHS – 6 military academy appointments

VRHS – Gazette 25 Best and Brightest; 38 students for the 3.75 Awards (all 4 years); first grad of Ascent Program – work in South Korea and will Skype with VRHS; 2 Boettcher Scholarship Finalists; Cyber Patriots competed at National level; FCCLA competition – 4 bronze winners, 3 silver winners, 1 gold winner; District Art Show – 1 third place, 3 second place, 2 first place; teacher full scholarship to Univ. of Phoenix for graduate work; student accepted into summer program at Oxford University

MRES – battle of the books competition; 3rd grade Junior Achievement outreach, UCCS 5 teacher candidates

SRES – battle of the books competition – 1st in district/4th in city; literacy award winner; 5th Camp Elam

SSAE – prom for high school students; talent show

IIR – finish testing

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Karen Hobson, Secretary

Approved 5-17-16

Attached:

4-26-16 – Sign In Sheet

Concurrent Enrollment Presentation

Location
Board of Education room

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<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Parent</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Christianna Fogler	Admin Rep Charter	present
David Knoche	Admin Rep Elem	
	Admin Rep Homeschool	
Cheryl DeGeorge	Admin Rep HS	present
Lisa Fillo	Admin Rep MS	
	Admin Rep Parent	
Spencer Molnar	BLRA	
Kevin Butcher	BOE	present
Louis Fletcher	CEO Liaison	present
Alfred Coxe	Community	excused
Shaunna Walewski	EIES	
Christine Dodson	EIES/Teacher	
Janet Frazier	FES/Teacher	present
Melissa Ardolf	FES	
Kevin Armstrong	FHS	
Karen Hobson	FMS	present
Carolyn Gery	GOAL	
Shelly Demetrelis	HMS	
David Rex	IIR/Vice-Chair	present
Kris Levi	MRES/Teacher	present
Charice Boynton	OES alternate	present
Michelle Przytulski	OES	present
Patricia Claman	PLC	
Joanne Wheeler	PPSEL/Teacher	
Melanie McAllister	RES	present
Michelle Wendt	RMCA	present
Claudine Dickson	RVES	present
	SCHS	

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<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Parent</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Dave Cruson	SES	present
Nicole Furlan	SES	
Erica West	SMS/Chair	excused
Marie Kruhn	SMS - alt	
Matt Landon	SRES	present
John Schymos	SRES - alt	
Dawn Rockett	SSAE	present
Tambria Miller	VRHS	present
John Newbill	WHES	present
Brittany McVicker	guest	
Brian Swanson	guest	
Dana Palmer	guest	
Mary Perez	presenter	

