

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)

January 26, 2016 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Erica West, at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established. The agenda and the December 1, 2015 minutes were approved by consent.

Administration Update – Dr. Lou Fletcher reported it was nice to be back after the Winter Break.

Board Update – Mr. Kevin Butcher reported it's refreshing to hear the ideas and perspectives of the student representatives (non-voting) attending the board meeting. Saturday the board had their strategic planning review; he is still the board representative to DAAC. The calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year was presented at the work session. The calendar survey reflected that the two week breaks are popular and elementary parents want to eliminate half days due to child care challenges. They received the performance excellence update. The revised '15-'16 budget was presented at a work session based on October count. Mr. Butcher confirmed there a special board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 5 p.m.

Speaker – John Graham, School Board Director, introduced himself and shared his background. He is interested in community involvement and finding local solutions by listening to all stakeholders.

Unfinished Business

a. Subcommittee updates:

- Budget subcommittee – MLO – is working through recommendations of expenditures – targeted at technology. They are recommending that some requests should not be approved due to the fact they are capital improvements or should have been ongoing expenditures for the school. The subcommittee is still collecting requests from SACs for budget priorities and will, hopefully, bring the recommendations to DAAC in April or May. Dave Cruson asked if there were guidelines to SACs about what should be requested. SACs should be a forum for the school and community to try to come to agreement to put in requests, rather than solely the principal determining priorities. It's a statutory duty for SAC to make recommendations. Our district is different than other districts in that money is allocated to the zones to spend on their buildings and students. Dave Knoche indicated the spending priorities are purely philosophical because the district doesn't know exact amounts, since it's based on student count. Areas that need attention should be considered. Karen will send last year's priorities (power point) to the group. E-mail your building's priorities to Erica West (ericawest2015@gmail.com).
- Bylaws subcommittee – did not meet
- Charter Subcommittee – no charters requested
- Parent Engagement subcommittee – did not meet
- School conduct and discipline code subcommittee – did not meet – outcome from board on restorative practices
- Unified Improvement Plan subcommittee – did not meet
- Zone subcommittee – did not meet

b. District Initiatives for 2015-2016

- Primary Literacy
- 49 Pathways

- c. Postponed Votes – will present for next meeting
- d. Bylaws Discussion

New Business

- a. Erica West will present the bylaws to the BOE (Feb 24, 2016).
- b. Falcon Education Foundation Dinner April 22, 2016 – FEF is a 501(C)(3) not for profit – It provides scholarships to students, mini grants to teachers (\$23K last fall), and recognizes staff, community members, and students. Anyone can participate in the auction without attending dinner. It will be at the Marriott on Corporate Dr. The “save the date” postcards will go out and the information should be on the website. The theme is “pathways to excellence”.

School Reports

Falcon Middle – Karen Hobson has submitted her application to be the school’s SAC representative for DAAC. She will resign as the El Paso Council PTA Liaison.

Stetson – 5th grade program, movie nights popular, booster fund fun run, jump rope for heart

Horizon – after school group project red rally. The winter dance coincided with SAC meeting; had 5th grade orientation for parents – the old RMCA building will house 6th graders and, hopefully, band; new lockers received for 7th graders

Woodmen Hills – working on UIP (Unified Improvement Plan); received the National PTA School of Excellence award and recognition – the choir performed during the presentation and will perform at the El Paso Council PTA Founders Day Dinner – fun run conducted

Springs Ranch – appreciates the outreach from Horizon – SAC reviewed DIBELs results: beginning of the year were at 67%, now at 82%; at beginning of year below benchmark by 18%, now 10% below benchmark, a parent survey was developed to assess the school climate; a concern arose concerning the shooting at the Kum and Go near Sand Creek H.S. Notification went out for lockdowns, but no communication associated with the event went to parents at Springs Ranch. Sand Creek parents did get notification.

Ridgeview – The SAC hasn’t met since October; the Boosterthon folks helped to raise funds for a digital marquee; 4th grade performed a musical

Rocky Mt. Classical Academy – Held a jump rope for heart event; the BRAX cups fundraiser sold the most in the country, so Miles from the Broncos came to the school; the strategic planning committee met.

Falcon High – There is not a functioning SAC at this time. The innovation plan is being revised. A committee worked on it over summer and presented it to the SAC in August. It was not voted on and they started a process to collaborate on revisions. A concern arose at the November 12 meeting from a Jewish member reference graffiti and a pattern of other things happening at school. At the December 3rd meeting, the principal told the SAC that she was given a directive from Peter Hiltz that if the members wanted to be on SAC, they would need to submit an application. A stakeholder grievance has been filed, the board will address next Tuesday at a special meeting. They are asking to be reinstated without an application being required. Erica indicated she would send an update after the meeting. Al Coxe raised a concern wondering how we can get to the point of admin disbanding a SAC. Paul Andersen and Lou Fletcher are looking at the grievances. John Graham indicated the grievance process is being followed. Dave Cruson asked how this will impact other schools and is it setting a standard.

Remington – held a movie night; SAC has not met due to weather

Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning – Has held a couple SAC meetings; PTO has sponsored a “fund” run to purchase computer carts; midyear data DIBELs and

PARCC results were shared; had a gallery night; Professional Development every Fri., with lots of folks from district helping out

Meridian Ranch – January 13th Donuts for Dad sponsored by PTA and Watch DOGS – great to see men at the school; Julia Roark, Falcon Zone Leader, supporting new literacy program “Engage New York”; using Amplify burst groups to develop literacy skills, one of a handful of programs making above expected growth in all grades, all populations. Tomorrow kicks off Start the Arts – “All Around the World”.

Community Member, Al Coxe – Reminded all that March 1 caucuses are great for older kids to attend to learn a lot from a grassroots level.

Springs Studio of Academic Excellence – the high school English class used project based learning and developed projects that are relevant. They created an anti-bullying project that was really cool and they Skyped to other countries

Falcon Elementary – Muffins for Mom next week; lots of illness in the building; Fuel Up for 60 event was supposed to get Miles from the Broncos, but he had the flu; school wide book study with families: [Charlotte’s Web](#).

Imagine Indigo Ranch – SAC reviewed scores, looking for money for playground,

Skyview – The SAC is starting the discussion on spending priorities; the drama department is putting on a musical.

Next meeting (Feb. 23) – Karen Hobson would like to see disaggregated data, taking GOAL Academy data out of the results, to see how the district is doing. Is there anything DAAC can do to assist GOAL Academy? Please e-mail ideas for agenda items to Erica.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

signed
Karen Hobson, Secretary

Approved 2-23-16

Attached:
1-29-16 – Sign In Sheet

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

Location
Board of Education room

DAAC
1/26/16

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Parent</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Dave Cruson	SES	present
Erica West	SMS/Chair	present
Matt Landon	SRES	
John Schymos	SRES - alt	
	SSAE	
Tambria Miller	VRHS	excused
John Newbill	WHES	present
Marie Kuhn	SES guest	present
John Graham	guest	present