

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

September 26th, 2023

Peakview Hall 6-8 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 and to address concerns about schools and the district as a whole. The DAAC meets monthly in Peakview Hall with representatives from each school, the district and the Board of Education.

**District Initiatives for 2021-2022:** Community Care, Equip and Encourage, Keep the Peak in View, Climb with Community, Portfolio Performance, Primary Proficiency, and 49 Pathways.

**Call Meeting to Order:** 6:03pm

**Introductions:**

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** Kathleen Tavernier, Motion. Sandi Smith, Second

**Approval of Agenda:** Sharon Smith, Motion. Kathleen Tavernier, Second.

**Administration Update:** Lisa Fillo, Executive Director of Learning Services

- Learning services working on UIP (unified improvement plan) based on where they fell on the School Performance framework (SPF)
- Meeting with schools to analyze data to finalize their plans for improvement
- Georgana Rappaport new Coordinator of Literacy Performance
- DIBELS 8 transition has been going well; excited about the data. Getting information about where kids are and how to meet their literacy needs
- PPEC earned the James Irwin Award of Excellence from 2022 data
- MRES for distinguished improvement award from their 2022 data
- Lisa will present the UIPs tomorrow at the Board Meeting
- BRES and EES were on improvement last year and have made great strides; they did deep data dives, Tier 1 instruction (BRES is up 2 levels, EES almost at performance)
- No schools on priority improvement this year
- Christina Tiernan has been modeling the new curriculum at the secondary level and working with Algebra I PLCs

**Board Update:** Jamilynn D'Avola, Board of Education Director

- Last board meeting, voted to recognize Constitution Day
- Voted that graduation will take place at the World Arena on Friday, May 24th
- Amended budget
- Colorado Association of School Boards
- 3 Resolutions that D49 is proposition: Request for impact fees (developers have to pay impact fees when they are thinking of developing in our district), IDEA (funding for individuals with disabilities act so they are fully funded; Feds have only funded 17%), Capture of Traffic Violators (cameras on busses to see who is going around the stop sign to keep kids safe).

- Teacher Pay Schedules: Peter had said Dr. Trautenberg and Mr. Anderson will be working with the VCT with new proposed schedules in January; comments from that team for collaboration with accounting and budget teams
- **Q: Why was a consulting company hired for this?**
- **A:** Looking at all positions and how they get reviewed. But as it relates to teacher salaries, when doing an objective study and looking at adjacent districts (or cities similar to COS), it is very helpful to bring in a 3rd party that does this exclusively. The company they decided on is called OMS (based out of Denver or Boulder); did a great job for a frugal amount at Aurora. This review is under \$10k.
- **Q: How do we justify spending that \$10k, that money in other venues?**
- **A:** To me, it is pennies on the dollar if we get it right. If we get it wrong, no one is happy. You have to bring in the right team and stick to the contract.
- **Q: Does the VOW meet again before dinner?**
- **A:** Yes.
- **Q: Is the impact fee at any other district? Good revenue from that?**
- **A:** Not prohibiting them from assessing impact fees. Currently, we do not have this ability. This has happened in other school districts in other states. As we grow and develop, part of the rationale is that currently developers don't have to foresee the impact they have on schools.
- **Q: How much revenue would that bring in? Flat rate?**
- **A:** Jamilynn will find out!
- **Q: Any discussion on how we will interact with the BOE/CFO at midyear?**
- **A:** What would you like to see? [Brett will email him what was discussed last school year] We will start fresh from what the DAAC wants and CFO will work with the DAAC. He would like to establish good rapport with the DAAC with what you would like to see in terms of data, what's going on in terms of decision making so you don't feel like you're not informed or have a seat at the table. I would like to know what your primary concerns are, what you would like to see as an entity (money allocated or spent) and how are we evaluating the return on what we are spending.
- **Q: Where are we spending our money? We want to keep community trust. They think there is enough money going to the school, especially when taxes just went up. The financial transparency used to be there, now we cannot find them.**
- **A:** Working on a presentation of 5 slides that is easily digestible to the community. I hope to get it to a level where the community is understandable

**Presentations:** Kathleen Granaas, Coordinator of Academic Performance with CMAS Data

- [Presentation](#)
- All spring tests will be digital; graphing calculator built in
- SGP: Student growth percentile. This tells us how much they've grown. 50 or higher is good, below that could mean they are losing ground.
- **Q: Does the district pay for the PSAT/SAT?**
- **A:** Yes they are free to students. If they want to retake it, they would have to pay for it (without financial need; there are waivers for those students though)
- Star testing tells us how students will perform on state testing

**SAC Reports:**

It is perfectly okay to say you have no new information to report, this is an opportunity to update the DAAC about what your SAC is doing, in terms of voting and special initiatives. Ex. Voted on the UIP, the last of our MLO money was spent on our playground

School	Representative	Update
ALLIES	Mary Ellen McCluggage	Went over our SPF and UIP and signed those.
BLRA	Todd Blum Katharine Euler	Next meeting is on 16 October. Admin asked: Anyone using survey software. Survey.
BRES	Shelby Esquivel Kirsten Davis-Kleinheksel	UIP was presented and approved. MLO funds approved for extra cameras in the building.
EES	Kim Beckworth	Went over CMAS scores, UIP, discussed replacing signs to replace Winnebago and Palmer Park.
FES	Jennifer Boulware Erin Pugh	CMAS scores, went over UIP. Talked about Community Engagement, Watch Dogs, Trunk or Treat.
FHS	Annette Cifuentes	Approved UIP and postponed our last meeting.
FMS	Karen Hobson	UIP was also approved.
GOAL		Reviewed UIP and signed off.
GPA	Michelle Wendt Tiffany Morgan	Admin presented the presentation they used to devise our UIP. Committee met and showed us how they do that process.
HMS	Melissa Mayfield	Met on 9/21. Discussed the UIP.
IVES		
LTA	Maria Hoffmann	Discussed and approved the UIP and we talked about getting more parents involved. Updating a conversation about the MLO funds for.
MRES	Kathy Beadles	Met on 9/11. UIP discussed and approved.
MVA		
OES	Tiffany Brown	Met on 9/11. Approved the UIP. Discussed how they have hired a new math tutor, one dedicated to math and reading. Hired lunch monitor.
PHS	Robert Eggert	Last meeting was 9/12. Discussed UIP, budget and SAC bylaws. Next meeting is 11/14.
PPEC	Kimberly Troup	
PPSEL	Joanne Wheeler	10/4 next meeting.

PTAA	Carlos Lozano	
PTEC	LeErika Warren	
RES	Peter Candelaria Erica West	
RMCA		
RVES	Kayli Kelchen	9/6. CMAS scores, UIP.
SCHS	Daniela Phillips Jennifer Scarselli	Met on 9/21. Signed off on UIP, discussed graduation, family engagement and how to engage more families for conferences.
SES	Sandi Smith	Met on 9/21. Went over UIP. Found out that boosterthon raised \$25k to use for PBIS.
SMS	Brett Bateman Nora Faircloth	Reviewed and approved UIP. 11/14.
SRES	Gabriel Cardenas Lindsey Lee	9/21. Next meeting is 11/7.
SSAE	Melissa Leider	
VRHS	Sharon Smith Hillary Douglas	Postponed to 9/12. Reviewed UIP. Change SAC now to HOWL (helping out leadership) and hoping to get students involved. Zone BBQ/Homecoming on Friday. 11/8.
WHES	Ashleigh Anderson Wendy Murphy	9/12. Biggest turnout. Explained what SAC is, UIP, SPF, and Bob Felice came to talk about the FMS meeting.
Community Member	Jeff Hall David Rex	
Admin Charter	Kathleen Tavernier	
Admin Elem		
Admin Home School		
Admin HS	Lauren Stuart	October 2nd is count day. Impact Aide is the last week of October (federal funding)
Admin MS		

**Subcommittee updates:** *Please be ready to share with the group what your subcommittee does and when they will meet throughout the year!*

- **ByLaws** will meet on September 19th at 3pm at Sand Creek HS. Updates to the bylaws. Will be sent to be presented at the next meeting. Bylaws vs. procedures. Should have a DAAC handbook (procedures). Bylaws are the framework.
- **Family Engagement** - Will meet in October at 5:15pm in Room 122 (Karen Parks)
- **Continuous Improvement Planning** - Will meet in October at 5:15pm in the Excellence Lab (Lisa Fillo). Calendar committee met. Some issues came up about the lack of instructional days. We have 10 PD days, D20 has 6 PD days. 17 full weeks (D49) vs. 20 full weeks (D20). Someone was unhappy about the start date being in July. Discussed breaks, pro days, day after spring break.
- **Q: Comparison on how many actual days we are in school with D20?**
- **A:** We are at 10 less instructional days than D20.
- **Q: Did he include the late starts in D20 and how much time that lacks from instruction?**
- **A:** He didn't know about those schools and didn't bring it up. Some schools in D49 have late starts also.
- **Q: Is he looking at iconnect zone?**
- **A:** No. Only operated schools but included in the numbers the charters.
- **Charter** - will meet when there is a charter application or review
- **Budget/MLO**

**Descriptions (to be edited and added to):**

Family Engagement: Discusses ways to engage families and community members in current events happening in D49. We talk about strategies to take back to your school on increasing your SAC numbers, bringing more families in, utilizing your families to support student success. Karen Parks, Title 1 TOSA for Family Engagement runs this meeting. It is before every DAAC meeting at 5:15 in Room 122.

Continuous Improvement: This group looks at data from testing (formal and informal), testing schedules, curriculum, and such. Lisa Fillo runs this committee and it meets (typically but not this month) before every DAAC meeting at 5:15 in the Excellence Lab.

ByLaws: This group meets as needed to update and edit the bylaws. They bring the edits to the large group for input and for a vote if anything is changed. This is self run by the group.

Budget: This is a new committee. It used to be the MLO/Budget subcommittee but since there aren't many large MLO requests anymore, they have morphed into the budget subcommittee and have been working to establish what they want to meet about. Brett Bateman runs this meeting and could give you more info on the plan with this moving forward. They meet before every DAAC meeting at 5:15 in Peakview Hall.

Charter: This committee only meets when there is a new application for a charter or one is up for renewal. The iConnect Zone Superintendent will ask for volunteers from this committee when needed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Pledge of Allegiance Vote (will vote on next meeting)
- Sub committee Descriptions
- Move to the next meeting, Melissa Mayfield, Motion, Kimberly Troup, Second to move to next month.

**New Business:**

- Vote for Secretary: Lauren Stuart (no opposition)
- There is a free, self-paced, online course intended for School Accountability Committee members to learn more about the legislation and best practices. It is currently available in English and they are in the process of having it translated into Spanish. [You may access it here](#). It lays out best practices, state statute, family engagement, and more. Took a little over an hour and you can receive a 5 hour certificate for the course.

**Future Business:**

- [Please add your school's SAC meetings to this spreadsheet](#).
- Zone Leaders come to present: Pathways within your zone, overall goal as your zone, how you're getting there. Beneficial to have that conversation. Zone leader approach to curriculum at the zone level, budget. Q&A afterwards. Don't speak in brand names and break it down with rationale with one over the other. How they will connect programs between high schools. How do they manage that? School of distinction...connecting their work to that and how they are advancing that goal. CMAS scores and what each zone is doing differently. Relationship building curriculum that each zone is doing (i.e. capturing kids hearts PZ, Renaissance SCZ, engagement pieces, how they're doing and how they are picked. Parent friendly language. How are you growing my kids, what are you doing when they don't understand?
- *October Presentation*: Karen Parks and Lauren Stuart on Family/Community Engagement
- *December Presentation*: Bruce Brown, Evelyn Galane Phillips, and Louis Fletcher on Facility Updates and projects for this school year
- *January Presentation*: Dave Watson on Safety and Security
- *April Presentation*: Angela Rose on Title Programs

**Adjournment: 7:55pm**

- **23-24 DAAC Dates**: October 24th, December 12th, January 23rd, February 20th, March 12th, April 23rd, May 14th
- **23-24 DAAC Agenda Setting Meetings**: October 10th, November 28th, January 9th, February 6th, February 27th (For March Meeting), April 9th, April 30th (for May Meeting)