

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

September 24, 2013  
Education Service Center: 6:00 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 at Central Office with representatives from each school and District and Board of Education representation.

**School representatives present:** Jean Daigle, Melanie McAllister, Dana Palmer, Christine Dodson, Rick Cameron, Jan Frazier, Kris Levi, Matt Landon, Judith Poplawski, Sophie Hansen, Michelle Arneson

**Central Office, Board of Education and Community at Large representatives present:** Peter Hilts, Barbara Seeley, Amber Whetstine, Kim McClelland, Tammy Harold, Christianna Fogler, Karen Hobson,

**Guests:** Tasha Peters, Frank Fowler, Denise Mund, Tina and Bob Ciccariello

Call meeting to order: Peter Hilts

Introductions: Peter Hilts had everyone introduce themselves and who they represent.

Approval of agenda: Peter Hilts-The agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of minutes: Peter Hilts-The minutes were approved by consensus for the April 30, 2013 meeting.

DAAC Officers: Dana Palmer was nominated as Chairman. Randy Feola also nominated as Chairman. Vote was taken by ballot. Dana elected as Chairman for DAAC. Randy Feola was nominated as Vice-chairman. Vote was taken verbally. Randy elected as Vice-chairman for DAAC.

Administration and Board Update: Peter Hilts-District strategic direction. Plan is aligned and will take us into the future. Big Rocks is from Steven Covey. Start with big things first. Newsletter and video were done about five big rocks. 1. Build trust with stakeholders. 2. Engage the community. 3. Be the best district to learn, work and lead. 4. Grow a robust portfolio of district schools. 5. Launch every student to success. Tammy Harold-BOE working on lots of procedural items right now. Relooking at contract review dates versus BOE election month. Six candidates are running for three positions. Look for upcoming candidate forums. October 4<sup>th</sup> SEAC at SMS at 6:30 pm, October 16<sup>th</sup> League of women voters at 5:30 pm at VRHS, October 17<sup>th</sup> PTA & FTEA at FMS at 6pm, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at SCHS. Dates will be posted on the district website.

Speakers: District TCAP Results-Amber Whetstine, Powerpoint and handouts given as well as posted on the DAAC wikispace. She will speak about rocks #3 & #5. Test now called Colorado Measure of Academic Success, CMAS.

School Accreditation-Amber Whetstine, Visual activity for group. Districts are accredited by the state department of education. Reports were handed out and are posted on the DAAC wikispace.

Old Business: DAAC Statutory Responsibilities-Dana Palmer, Shared excerpts from updated District Accountability Handbook dated Aug 2013. Handbook can be found on CDE or the DAAC wikispace. Karen Hobson proposed to change Old Business to Unfinished business.

Amber Whetstine-DAAC By Law revisions-proposed change to DAAC reviewing district improvement plans. All School improvement plans would be posted on the wikispace. Change approved by consensus. Karen Hobson proposed to change Old Business to Unfinished business. Change approved by consensus. The By Laws will be changed to reflect both changes.

Sub Committees and other organization-Budget, Charter Schools, Special Projects, School Improvement and Teacher Evaluation committees in the past. Move to table the sub committees and their membership.

New Business: Charter School Application-Kim McClelland-Waiver applied for to allow applications to have more time for opening timeline. Website-Iconnect zone website, charter school info, new applicants area. <http://iconnect.d49.org/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=291842> DAAC must review the charter applications. She met with the sub committee last year for charter applications, strengths and weaknesses were given. Charter school solutions have an online program for review of applicants. District leaders reviewed applications. Three outside experts also reviewed the applications. Valiant Academy and Adventures in Learning career academy are our new applicants. Both schools will have 10 minutes at the September work session. Question, how do charter schools impact our district, funding? 1.9% is charged to Charter schools for district support. SPED services are also purchased. Money is dispersed after student count once district and SPED fees are deducted. Charters add quality seats to our district. Question, building for these two schools? Both schools looking at facilities. Question about charter students leaving charter after October count? State and the system allow that.

D49 Strategic Plan-Peter Hilts, Addressed earlier and organized around the big rocks.

Capital Planning Process-Peter Hilts, Process is moving forward with six preliminary meetings. Held in the three geographic zones as well as the iConnect zone. Centralized district planning meeting is upcoming. Looking at the things needed in the years to come. Looking at growth and additional bonding. Contingency plan if voters didn't approve bond. Homes, children and growth will be coming. Last time we asked for taxpayer support, it failed. DAAC will be asked to be ambassadors of a plan. November 2014 is when we are looking at putting a bond and mill on the ballot. Dana-Who participated in planning meetings? Tammy, call for members. 15 applications with a wide variety of people and representation from each zone. Representatives brought their list of needs from the schools. Christianna Fogler has the bylaws. The meetings are public.

<http://d49.org/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=286968&sessionid=65e695ed6f1cb9fd6e1f0ce3b077d491>

DAAC Meeting Schedule-Emailed out, posted to DAAC website and added to the wikispace. Another person can attend from your SAC if you are unable to attend a meeting.

Other:

Public Forum: None

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:41 pm.

**Next meeting will be October 29, 2013 @ 6 p.m. at the Education Service Center (formerly the Central Office) in the board room.**