

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Minutes

December 3, 2013

Education Service Center: 6:00 pm – 8:00 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 in the Education Service Center with representatives from each school and District and Board of Education representation.

Call Meeting to Order

- Chair Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:05.

Approval of Agenda

- Chair Palmer announced revisions to the agenda.
 - At the request of BOE President Tammy Harold, Mr. Butcher is representing the Board of Education.
 - The SEAC representatives will be here at a future meeting, but not tonight.
- Without objection, the DAAC approved the revised agenda by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

- Without objection, the DAAC approved the minutes of the October 29 meeting by consensus.

Administration and Board Update

Peter Hilts, Kevin Butcher

- Administration Report—Mr. Hilts spoke about two cultural events that are happening in District 49. A student at Skyview Middle School presented about her personal medical condition. Her story was well received and caught the imagination of our community and people around the world. In addition, this Saturday District 49 is hosting Santa's Toy Express where 49 youngsters will experience a complete Christmas experience with breakfast, shopping, gift wrapping, visiting Santa, and returning home.
- Board Report—Mr. Butcher reported that the new Board members were sworn in and officers elected. Mr. Butcher listed the Board members and officers as elected/appointed in November.

Presentations

District UIP Process – Amber Whetstine, Executive Director of Learning Services

- Ms. Whetstine presented the District Unified Improvement Plan Process

Unfinished Business

Action:

Bylaw revisions - Article IV Membership, Article V Officers, Article VI Subcommittees

- President Palmer reviewed the recommendations to change DAAC membership in Articles 4 and 5.
- Without objection, the DAAC approved the recommended revisions to the Articles IV and V of the bylaws by consensus.
- President Palmer reviewed the recommendations to change DAAC standing subcommittees in Article 6.
- Without objection, the DAAC approved the recommended revisions to the Article VI of the bylaws by consensus.

New Business

Action:

DAAC Officer Election – Secretary

- Chair Palmer reviewed the responsibilities of the newly created position of DAAC Secretary.
- Karen Hobson nominated Karen Hobson, and Tina Leone seconded the nomination.
- The DAAC unanimously elected Karen Hobson as Secretary.

Approval of District UIP

- Without objection, the DAAC approved the UIP as presented by consensus.

Review:

2014-2015, 2015-2016 “proposed” District Calendars

- Ms. Whetstine and Mr. Hilts reviewed the proposed calendars.
- DAAC members discussed aspects of the calendar content and representation.

School Reports

SCHS The SAC discussed academic performance and the personal project presentation (sophomores) was postponed. The SAC discussed the merits and comparisons of intervention vs. advisory options over the lunch period on Wednesdays.

MRIS The SAC reviewed the work of the Data Leadership Team related to the Burst intervention groups. Colorado legislators will be visiting MRIS on December 17 to review the Burst program. The SAC also reviewed programs for students with special needs or at-risk factors as well as for gifted and talented students.

SRES The SAC discussed adding a math interventionist or longer math block as potential strategies within the school improvement plan. The SAC discussed a writing contest to give students an opportunity to submit writing on the topic of “Math in the Real World.”

FHS The SAC is closer to full membership and participation—but still looking for two parent representatives. Ms. DeGeorge shared some of the facilities issues and plans to work with the Operations Office to manage lighting sensors. She also reviewed the condition of the football field. Ms. DeGeorge also discussed her learning about the zone and school budget process.

BLRA The SAC discussed two new curricula, as well as MobiMacs, a technology-based math curriculum. The SAC is focusing on reading achievement, especially growth for advanced students.

Other

Discussion:

Invitation – feedback regarding future meeting topics

- Chair Palmer discussed options for DAAC members to recommend future meeting topics. President Palmer will open up a discussion item on our wiki to provide an opportunity to clarify and preview agenda items and topics.

Subcommittee progress

- Chair Palmer discussed efforts to calibrate and improve parent engagement efforts. The DAAC discussed various outreach events and communications to inform and engage parents. The subcommittee also discussed some aspects of fragmentation related to the zone structure.

D49 PTA Opportunities - Karen Hobson

- Ms. Hobson explained some of the opportunities and priorities associated with PTA membership.

Public Forum

Adjournment

- Chair Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:54.

Next meeting will be January 28, 2014 @ 6 p.m. at the Education Service Center (formerly the Central Office) in the board room.