

# District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Minutes

January 28, 2014

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.

**The Chair, Dana Palmer, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**

**Approval of Agenda – revise by moving approval of minutes below Presentations. Motion approved by consensus. Agenda approved as revised by consensus.**

**Approval of Minutes-** The December 3, 2013 minutes were corrected by replacing “president” with “chair” and inserting “At the request of BOE President Tammy Harold,” at the beginning of the sub-bullet under Approval of the Agenda. The minutes were approved, as corrected, by consensus.

## **Administration and Board Update**

Peter Hiltz, Tammy Harold

- **Administration Report:** The biggest event so far has been the capital planning process. The committee has been working for over a year towards prioritizing projects. They have recommended a total for a mill levy and a bond issue. The board gave approval to move forward. Now, the next step is to present the plan to the community for feedback. We’re seeing the community really responding to events that are happening. Glenna Rohr, who died in a car accident in December, was given special recognition for her many years of volunteer service at the last board meeting. A half hour will be added prior to board meetings to recognize accomplishments of staff and students. On the 13<sup>th</sup> will recognize a teacher that received national board certification and students from SCHS in robotics. A survey will be added when flash notices are sent to get feedback on how well they are received.
- **Board Report:** Ms. Harold reported the District Unified Improvement Plan was approved; DAAC membership was approved; the telecommunication provider is T-Mobile, with a contract starting in July; at the work session – reviewed DAAC bylaws, board retreat (personnel training – roles, regulations on personnel, leading by policy, student achievement, governance). She recognized trust starts with the board – will make a covenant/code of conduct with board to let community know how they will operate. A board action calendar will block out what typically happens each month throughout the year. Board committees and liaisons are designated – the committees required to have representation:
  - DAAC – Kevin Butcher
  - Capital Planning Committee – David Moore
  - CASB Legislative – Marie Lavere Wright
  - Colo. Digital BOCES – Chuck Irons

## **Presentations**

Capital Planning Committee – video

Staff member and parent from each zone – reviewed applications

Met throughout the year

Phase One is complete – June-December

Phase Two is getting community feedback – January-June

Phase Three deciding whether to pursue ballot issue

The packet on the Wiki has more detail on the presentation.

Bond projects proposed: \$194,729,000 for buildings

Mill Levy Override: operational resources - \$4,545,024 per year

Approximately 20 mills - \$318.27 per year on \$200k retail home value

FCBC – donates \$1500 per home – finished classroom wing at VRHS and provided fields

Discussion on future of education: Parents primary decider of path for students. Realize between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents have less control.

Hope to take this to SACs to get feedback and build trust with community.

Charter schools are funded differently depending on chartering authority. 20% of our students currently go to charter school.

A bond/mill levy oversight committee is required by law to make sure money is spent according to the ballot issue.

## **Unfinished Business**

Bylaw revisions – BOE reviewed the bylaws and approval is pending. Feb. 13 – BOE will vote to approve the bylaws.

## **New Business**

DAAC Powers & Duties – document on wiki - reviewed legality of powers and duties

C.R.S. 22-11-302

- Recommending spending
- Recommending improvement plan
- Review charter applications
- Advise principals concerning development of assessment tools and evaluate student growth as it relates to teacher evaluations
- Increase parent engagement
- Publicize opportunities to serve on DAAC
- School board and DAAC, at least annually, determine areas and issues to study and then make recommendations

Budget Subcommittee Update – Judy shared – budget process, timeline, formula for funding, reviewed amended budget. Dana has requested funding priorities from buildings.

Parent Engagement Legislation Update – Parent Engagement Policy mandatory – Mr. Hilts is the liaison for our district  
Parent/Community Engagement Subcommittee

### **School Reports**

Budget-School Spending Priorities

**EES – continue IB, staff development/training, iPads. Professional Development, resources, after school activities**

**FES – this school year – technology lab lease, copy machine lease and use, Kegan conf., admin CASE Conf. – Title 1 to San Diego conf, TCAP celebration**

**PPSEL – specialist full time – more technology with apps, prof. dev. for assessment and student engagement**

**MRIS – solidifying staffing, prof dev (formative assess, inclusion, differentiation)**

**HMS – technology in classroom and in hands of students (tough getting inot writing lab), IB – teacher training, resources**

**WHES – RtI like Burst (pay per child), technology (lab and maybe mobile lab), consumables, apps, professional development, safety fence similar to Ridgeview**

**SMS – this school year – staffing, office supplies, equip, furniture, math library, tech, staff development, printing, athletics**

**SCHS – assess needs – professional development, technology, ed supplies, looking at grant opportunities, restorative justice**

**RES – will send next time**

**OES – 10 classes added on is need, finish remainder of fencing, STEM coord, technology, literacy coach, GT, tech para, walkie talkies and security doors**

**FHS – reduction in funding – repair SMART boards, ACT review material and math RtI options, laptop repair, building repair, field maintenance and repair**

**RVES – more staff, iPad lease, programs, drawing children into reading program – would require training if expand to other grades, laptop lab devices, fencing, small snow plow, turf/grass**

**FVA – more staff,**

**SRES – salaries increase, cuts to both operational and building**

**BLRA – submitted to district**

**TICA – question on security and what resources available to charter schools.**

## **Other**

Discussion:

- DAAC presentation at the BOE Work Session February 26 – to help board and community understand the powers and duties of DAAC
- Wiki Discussion Post – future meeting topics – no discussion on last post – keep on it for now – could have been timing of last posts –email is better for some – Dana will send out one post using e-mail asking for input – don't reply all

**Public Forum:** Should SAC bylaws mirror DAAC...not necessarily – SACs are pretty transient

## **Opportunities:**

- Parent Engagement Night at FMS Jan. 30
- Parent Involvement Conference – Feb. 13 in Pueblo

**Transportation Question** – when there is a 2 hour delay, there is no bus service to the charter schools – is there a way to change that? Mr. Hilts indicated that the contract with the charter schools specifies that if there is a delay. transportation cannot be supported.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Next meeting will be February 25, 2014 @ 6 p.m. at the Education Service Center (formerly the Central Office) in the board room.**