

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)

February 25, 2014 Minutes

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.

Chair Dana Palmer, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The agenda was approved by consensus. The Jan.28, 2014 minutes were approved by consensus.

Administration and Board Update

Peter Hilts

- BOE - Mr. Hilts provided an update from the BOE meeting, as Mr. Butcher was unable to attend the last meeting.
- Administration –The proposal bringing out the best in D-49 resolution passed 3-1 to support the Capital Planning Committee’s next phase for community input. It begins with a series of meetings in community, with SACs and other parent groups. Zach Craddock has been hired as Director of Individualized Education, replacing the director of support services but picking up responsibilities for ELL, SPED, counselors, expelled and at risk students. Interviews were conducted for Director of Communications, succeeding Stephanie Wurtz. The candidate pool was incredibly rich, quality high. The BOE announced committee liaisons. The future of assessments will be presented at the board work session Feb. 26.

Chair Update

Chair Palmer – The parent engagement subcommittee has a timeline in place and will meet again in March. The budget subcommittee is continuing to meet, receiving new/updated spending priorities from the SAC’s. Chair Palmer to give a DAAC presentation at the BOE work session, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business

DAAC Bylaw revisions were approved at the last BOE meeting.

New Business

- D49 Committee Listings/Overview – Peter Hilts will send the list to Karen Hobson to attach to the minutes.
- Future of Assessments Preview – Peter Hilts indicated there might be changes in the future. For example, rural districts are being allowed to CMAS every other year; math assessments may be based on course vs. grade level.
- BOE Collaboration/Team Break Out Session – small groups of 3-4 to discuss items or areas that DAAC could present to the BOE for the DAAC to study in addition to budget issues.
- May BOE/DAAC Meeting – To increase attendance discussed scheduling it earlier in May, or inviting the BOE to the April meeting. Discussed structure of previous potluck only meetings. Motion carried to combine a potluck with the April 29 meeting and to invite the BOE. BOE Liaison Kevin Butcher to update BOE, and invite the BOE to the April 29 meeting.

Other: DAAC scheduled to provide update to BOE in June – may get guidance at that time on areas for the DAAC to study in addition to budget issues.

Public Forum – SRES SAC – teachers felt it is unfair for salaries being frozen for four years. A new teacher would get the same amount as a seasoned teacher. Teachers who stayed in the district should get some type of incentive or compensation. Peter Hiltz indicated the salaries had not been frozen during that period but will consult with CBO, Brett Ridgway, for clarification.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 18, 2014 @ 6 p.m. at the Education Service Center (formerly the Central Office) in the board room.