

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)

March 18, 2014 Minutes
Education Service Center

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 Vice Chair, Randy Feola, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The agenda was approved by consensus. The Feb. 25, 2014 minutes were approved by consensus.

Administration and Board Update

- Administration: Peter Hilts – school finance has been the focus. A discussion and review will occur at the Apr. 23 board of education work session. Focus groups and polling will occur mid-April; town hall meetings will occur in each zone; the capital planning committee meeting will meet on Apr. 22 to evaluate and refine the plan based on feedback. Finalizing of information sheets will be based on the board decision: one side will show the plan, the other side is for endorsements. Principals will be asking SACs to pass a resolution to support the plan. The hope is that DAAC will endorse the plan based on SAC endorsement. The Horizon Brain Bowl placed first in the Tri County tournament and was highlighted at the board meeting. The Sand Creek boys basketball team played in the playoff game in Boulder – the kids were great, despite their loss. A Sand Creek HS student was selected as a Boettcher Scholar.
- Board: Kevin Butcher – The Falcon Education Foundation dinner is Apr. 18 and is a great community event. The board approved new classes; Jack Bay, the COO, discussed how the buildings will benefit from bond/mill; Dave Watson discussed how security benefits from a successful mill; Falcon H.S. parents are concerned about the condition of the fields and the safety of their kids – trying to encourage outside agencies to help support the installation of artificial turf; the work session is tomorrow (Mar. 19); Apr. 29 is the combined BOE/DAAC – 3 members cannot make it – if 3 were able to make it, the meeting becomes an official board meeting. In the past there has been no business and the meeting was labeled a pot luck or social event.

Presentation

Implementation of SB10-191 (Educator Effectiveness), Zone Evaluation Councils update by Amber Whetstine and Zone Innovation Leaders

DAAC has statutory responsibilities into measures used for student learning, which becomes part of the teacher evaluation process.

District policy

Each zone has its own evaluation council with DAAC representation.

The implementation is still a learning process for the buildings.

Unfinished Business

Clarification/follow up: Teacher Compensation 4 year period (historical) -

- Makes more sense to discuss when know state funding – there could be approx. \$1.8m of new money with new students – 60% would be used if give staff a 2% salary increase.
- Can discuss past and future depending on bond/mill results
- Salaries were fixed so that there was no benefit to leaving the district and then coming back
- It would be best for Brett Ridgway to come to the Apr. meeting

There is discussion about tying the bond to the passing of the mill levy, so that the bond wouldn't be enacted if the mill levy didn't pass. The strategic compensation plan would be better accepted if teachers have input. The plan needs a competitive base salary and be strategic to target areas.

New Business

Technology update – Peter Hilts indicated the mill levy will drive technology conversations – mostly iPads, but thinking in terms of layers:
Classroom level (computers, tablets, projection); 3:1 in K-2; 1:1 in 3-8; more than 1:1 in high school
School level (labs)
District level (bandwidth, wireless)
Community (get them access so they stay involved)

iPads can be used for PARCC and CMAS (test may be updated by Pearson) need individualized ear buds and hardwired keyboard. Maybe look at Chromebooks for assessments

May meeting date change - May 14? (TBD) – All – discussed having Apr. 29 as the last meeting. DAAC could join the board in July.

Motion carries to cancel the DAAC May meeting and meet in concert with the BOE in July.

Other: Reminder – April 29 meeting is a normal DAAC meeting – no potluck.

Public Forum

- Literacy Fair at UCCS – focus on K-8 – Apr. 5
- Parent Guide to Success – generic info on Common Core Standards
- Concern with assessment rules and being able to comply. Robert Hammond, Commissioner of Education, said if cannot comply, take test then ask for waiver.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled April 29, 2014 @ 6 p.m. at the Education Service Center (formerly the Central Office) in the board room.