

DAC / District Accountability Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
Wilcox Building, Board of Education Room
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Becky Barnes, Chair/Parent Member, called the meeting to order.

Present: Jean Medberry, Vice-Chair/Parent Member; Parent Member; Barb Cousins, Parent Member; Chad Timkin, Parent Member; Brandy Nath, Voting Teacher Member; Ron Booth, Voting Community Member; Dan McMinimee, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Kevin Larsen, BOE President; Judi Reynolds, Board of Education Representative; David DiCarlo, Parent Member.

Absent: Becky Takeda-Tinker, Parent Member; Meghann Silverthorn, Board of Education Representative; Michael Holmes, Parent member.

General Meeting:

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum
2. There are still problems with SAC members receiving DAC emails, which Becky is trying to fix. In the future, there will be a link on the DAC website so SACs can find all the emails there.
3. A sub-committee was formed to interview for a new DAC member. Volunteers: Judi, David, Jean and Becky. They will meet and interview on 1/28 & 1/30.
4. Barb volunteered to work with Dorinda, Dan's assistant, on adding on-going information to the school DAC website. With the new website, all access is only thru school personnel. This responsibility will be added to the secretary role.
5. There was discussion on the form requested by each SAC to the DAC on their school's budget suggestions. Please return the form to DAC by 1/31.
6. The February monthly meeting is still the Winter FORUM. The DAC Winter Forum will take place on February 11th at 6:30-8:30 pm at Legacy Point Elementary School located at 12736 S. Red Rosa Circle, Parker 80134. The forum will focus on the DCSD Strategic Plan. DCSD will present the strategic plan to the School Accountability Committees; we will then break out into groups for discussion and to provide feedback on the Strategic Plan. Please RSVP via the 1/21 email. The DAC requests that the SAC Chair and the DAC liaison attend the FORUM. School principals have already provided their input in separate meeting/s.

7. The topic for the March DAC meeting is now “Site 6” & the topic for the April meeting is “Budget 101”.

8. New State Graduation Requirements: was presented by Dan McMinimee. He highlighted the requirements for 2014, 2015, 2015-2020 & 2020-2021 (which will graduate the first group). The presentation and Q&A focused on competency and not just classroom hours, preparation, the historical background for doing this, other states are mostly already there, statistics of education requirements for jobs now and in the future, and the process to get to the final district standards (including input from various stakeholder groups).

9. The LEAD presentation was also by Dan McMinimee. LEAD is the DCSD’s current DRAFT version of the principal’s evaluation system and the acronym means Leadership Effectiveness through Analysis & Data. Dan gave an overview of what is being done in other CO districts, for both LEAD and CITE 6. The district has created its own model evaluation system, as it has also done for the teacher evaluations. They include what CDOE requires and then some. Dan overviewed the document and asked the SAC and DAC audience for feedback and questions. Additionally, the DAC will send out to all the SACs requesting their feedback on the document (not to evaluate their principals) by April 15, 2014. Dan stressed that the doc is being used this year for evaluations by their supervisor but it is only a start point. For next year, the principals can “plan” for the year with this as a standard. Thus, principals are compiling ongoing data, similar to that which teachers are doing, to substantiate their evaluations. The question arose asking if there was a current rubric. Dan stated no but that all the current data is being sent to an advisory consultant for feedback on this matter.

10. Reminder – to SACs to turn in their school’s recommended budget spending priorities for the school year 2014-15 to the DAC by January 31, 2014. (Email from 11/4/2013, subject: Budget Priorities).

11. David motioned to adjourn and Jean 2nd it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Barb Cousins recorder.

Handouts at meeting:

- ✓ Agenda
- ✓ LEAD/ Leadership Effectiveness thorough Analysis & Data DRAFT doc – for SAC use, from DCSD
- ✓ Rubric for Evaluating Colorado’s Principals and Assistant Principals – from CDOE

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