

DAC / District Accountability Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 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; Brandy Nath, Voting Teacher Member; Dan McMinimee, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Judi Reynolds, Board of Education Representative; David DiCarlo, Parent Member; Meghann Silverthorn, Board of Education Representative; Michael Holmes, Parent member; Mark Harrell, Franktown Elementary school principal.

Absent: Becky Takeda-Tinker, Parent Member; Chad Timkin, Parent Member; Ron Booth, Voting Community Member

General Meeting:

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum – Becky
2. The sub-committee to interview for two new DAC members met on 1/28 & 1/30. They are not quite done and will announce the resulting candidates shortly.
3. Becky asked for volunteers for several sub-committees. The following persons have volunteered. DAC will complete the final list once the new DAC members are on board.
 - a. **Long Range Planning Committee** – two DAC members – Jean & ??
 - b. **Cite 6 Review Committee** to meet in June, July and August 2014 – Becky & Mike.
 - c. **DAC Best Practices Committee** to create a set of tools for all future DACs to use – two DAC members - ?? & ?? and requesting SAC member participation. Meetings will be held one hour before each DAC meeting.
4. **Budget 101** – presentation by Scott Smith, DCSD Budget Director and Dan McMinimee, Asst. Superintendent Secondary Education.
 - a. Scott's presentation on the DAC website under this meeting date.
 - b. A variety of topics were discussed and questions answered.
 - c. *Topics included:* FTE's explained; state funding and state cuts; the net is an increase with some of that amount passed onto the classroom per student; at the end of April,

will know the exact amount; increases at district level for pensions, medical, technology refresh, pay increases; discussion of veracious budget categories; charter schools are not subject to the same budget categories and stipulations as the district public schools; discussion of the District Fund Balance categories and percentages of each category; example of a school budget was shown; discussion of discretionary and non-discretionary categories; discussion of how teachers are funded by both SBB & non SBB (School Based Budgeting); kindergarten funding and parent fees; types of state funding including uneven funding issues amongst districts, reduced lunch is not the same as free lunch for state funding; school salary budgets are averages for hiring purposes and to hire the most qualified but in the end, they are charged actual for all costs; staff benefits are 33% of salary costs; the district will begin a new accounting process with all budges being updated monthly starting in April, 2014; there will be \$214 more per pupil funding from the state next school year which translates to \$50 per pupil at the school level (plus \$105 from the district / same as last year); discussion of inter-fund transfer categories which are funded at varying proportions from 80-100% (i.e.: sports, transportation, capital projects; lease payments; discussion of department budgets which originate from DCSD Admin (i.e.: grounds, utilities, custodial) and all at 80%.

5. There were SAC audience questions about the final compilation of the individual schools recommended budget spending priorities for the school year 2014-15. Each school completed a form and sent it to the DAC by January 31, 2014. Becky compiled the results and provided the chart to all SACs. This same document was presented by Becky to the DCSD BOE at their annual retreat in March. The DAC agreed to explain briefly, in writing, that they did not provide their own recommendations to the BOE other than adding that any additional funding should go to the schools. This is in compliance with the current School Based Budgeting/ SBB format and district policy.

6. Jean motioned to adjourn and David 2nd it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Barb Cousins Recorder.

Handouts at meeting:

- ✓ Agenda
- ✓ Completed form / chart for all SAC budget recommendations, compiled by individual schools.
- ✓ Douglas County District Growth Summary by CO Dept. of Education
- ✓ October Count and Carryover Reconciliation per school for all DCSD schools provided by Scott Smith.

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