

May DAC Meeting
May 12, 2016
6:30-8:30pm
Wilcox Building BOE Room

Roll Call/Call to Order

Sandra Brownrigg (DAC Chair/Voting Parent)
Brandi Butticaaz (Voting Parent)
Heather Graves (Voting Community Member)
Chris Pratt (Voting Parent)
Matt Rogers (Voting Elementary Teacher)
Melissa Bergfalk (Voting Secondary Teacher)
Steven Cook (Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education)
Judi Reynolds (BOE Liaison)

Absent

Amy Pfister (Recorder & Voting Parent)
Jean Medberry (Voting Parent)
Barb Cousins (Voting Parent)
Mark Harrell (Voting Principal)
Ted Knight (Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education)
Meghan Silverthorn (BOE Liaison)

Acronyms

DAC - District Accountability Committee
BOE - Board of Education
FOC - Fiscal Oversight Committee
LRPC - Long Range Planning Committee
UIP - Unified Improvement Plan
CART - Charter Application Review Team
PE - Parent Engagement Committee
CITE - Continued Improvement for Teacher Effectiveness
LEAD - Leadership
HE, E, PE, I - Highly Effective, Effective, Partially Effective, Ineffective
FAQ - Frequently asked question

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.

DAC April meeting minutes approved (Melissa motioned, Heather seconded). All in favor, no opposed - DAC April meeting minutes - **APPROVED**

DAC Special Session minutes approved (Heather motioned, Matt seconded). All in favor, no opposed - DAC Special Session minutes - **APPROVED**

DAC Member Update - Kim Kibort has resigned.

Committee Update

BOE (Judi) - 5 charter applications submitted; two approved, two conditionally approved. FOC requested to fund poll of community for mill/bond on ballot.

Resolution Sub Committee (Brandi) - Working on Draft for BOE Resolution, gathering ideas from DAC special meeting, public comment and subcommittee members. Meeting next week to draft ideas to present to DAC. Thank you for suggestions and recommendations from committee and community.

EPR Task Force - Variety of members giving suggestions for changes. Survey at building level versus district level.

CART -

Parent Involvement -

Chair Report - (Sandra) - Topics for upcoming DAC Meetings will be shared at next meeting. CITE rubrics were discussed.

Budget Sub Committee Presentation - (Melissa & Sandra) Executive Summary: Top two priorities include 1) More moneys for school site based budgets, 2) Increasing teacher compensation. Capital expenditures frequent (Safety and Transportation), current district needs exceeds available funds, DAC process of collecting data not aligned with budget schedule. DAC collected data for 6 weeks, provided info at forum. Discussed with BOE liaisons and cabinet and presented at BOE work session. Overall budget priorities are schools need more money and teacher's pay. 47 total schools responded to survey, 35 elementary schools, 5 middle and 7 high schools. 87 responded Site Based Budget in Top 3.

Questions:

Q - Was larger size of middle/high schools taken into account?

A - Yes, Data was consistent, considering elementary schools feed into middle

Q - Can DAC tell BOE what funding mechanism is used? Can DAC make recommendations on what needs are highlighting specific needs?

A - Yes, FOC makes recommendations, DAC presents needs not included

Facilitated Discussion: What options do you see in the absence of funding source on ballot?

Group 1 Response: Cuts already made, not many places to cut; Major reordering of how DCSD conducts business.

Group 2 Response: Cuts in marketing, find non-essential departments

Comments supporting additional funding include: Understanding the needs/cuts, home values, people see needs for schools; bonds only stay in DCSD (need understanding of what bond is).

Comments not supporting additional funding include: Swimming upstream - (DC residents do not like paying more taxes), angst in regards to what is DCSD doing with funds we already have, DCSD is not seen in positive light, issues with trust and concerns with where will the funds go?, many residents without children in DCSD see DC as a wealthy community, why do we have so many needs?, DC schools are providing a great education, too many charters, too

much budget info - not understood.

Rob Ross Discussion on SAC By-Laws statutory obligation, DAC and SAC roles, School admin/structure is hurting or helping UIP?, DCSD involvement in community, increase parent engagement.

Q & A

Q - Why are DCSD SAC ByLaws different from state?

A - DAC can propose to BOE to make changes to ByLaws, suggestion to increase participation in SAC by increasing voting parents allowed on SAC.

Q - Who recommends ByLaws changes?

A - Proposed changes to DAC. SAC sends to DAC, who recommends changes to BOE.

Q - If a SAC isn't functioning well, what can the DAC do to make sure the SAC is compliant?

A - First discuss concerns with school principal, if not addressed, DAC/BOE can help. Sometimes there is confusion surrounding SAC roles, diverse opinions in regards to involvement on SAC functions, process, and SAC overreach. Discuss concerns with principals, also, Parent Engagement/Kathy Brown. Look at cooperation, create a welcoming environment. DAC can facilitate with SAC.

Q - Who hold DAC and SAC in compliance?

A - DCSD and CDE

Discussion in relation to changes in SAC ByLaws (Chris): Can amount of voting parents be changed to say "at least" and not have definitive number of parents/legal guardians listed? Community members representation discussed, do they need to be business owners? Do they have to live/work within school boundaries?

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm.