



District Accountability Committee

Regular Meeting

January 9, 2018

6:30 p.m. Wilcox Building: Board of Education Room

- I. **Call to order:** Brandi Butticaaz called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
- II. **Roll call:** Brandi conducted a roll call and confirmed the establishment of a quorum. The following members were present: Melody Fields, Marco Fields, Chris Pratt, Irene Borisov, Andy Jones, Heather Graves, Mario Harding, Matt Rogers, Chester Shaw, Mark Harrell, Kevin Leung, Steve Cook, Wendy Vogel, Jean Medberry. Acting Superintendent Erin Kane. Melissa Bergfalk absent.
- III. **Approval of minutes:** Marco Fields motioned to accept, Heather Graves 2nd, passed for December 5, 2017. Approval of minutes from September 12, 2017 deferred pending review. Matt Rogers asked to add Code of Conduct Update and remove Budget Savings to list of Agenda. Changes approved.
- IV. **Chair Report:** Brandi Butticaaz asked that we adhere to time allocation of agenda items.
- V. **Reports:**
 - Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC):** Chris Pratt discussed neighborhood school over and under capacity issues that LRPC is trying to address.
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 - b. **Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC):** Marco Fields referenced email sent by Scott Smith of DCSD Finance pertaining to Mill Levy presentation to be reviewed at FOC meeting on January 11, 2018 from 6:30-8pm. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month.
 - c. **Events Subcommittee:** Marco Fields shared the February 13-DAC Winter Forum at Mesa Middle School. More details to come. Six (6) sessions will focus on School Accountability Committee (SAC) and Parent partnerships.
 - d. **Communications:** Marco Fields asked for feedback good and not so good as we look to reinstate DAC newsletter. Need to validate roster of SAC membership. Continue to encourage open and transparent communication from DAC to SAC and community. Send informational quarterly to SAC representatives.



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- e. **Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Update:** Melody Fields shared of upcoming meeting on January 30, 2018 to include Matt Reynolds of DCSD. Review copy of UIP Committee Guide prior to meeting. UIP survey not distributed as Melody had some concerns to be discussed at January 30th meeting.
- f. **Code of Conduct:** Chris Pratt shared this will be reviewed at the upcoming Board of Education (BOE) meeting January 16, 2018. Wendy Vogel mentioned the COC resolution is not on the agenda but the BOE will have a discussion prior to.
- g. **Membership:** Discussion regarding two (2) vacant voting parent slots on DAC. Committee agreed to proceed with recruiting process and have members in place by end of FY2017-18 school year. Question raised about the renewal of existing members with terms ending in June 2018, need to review bylaws for clarification.
- h. **Board of Education:** Wendy Vogel shared info regarding upcoming January 16th agenda to include a preliminary discussion on the Code of Conduct. The Board has chosen to do a national search for a new permanent superintendent. Will establish focus groups meetings to obtain feedback from parents and community. Separate session for DCSD staff. Meetings will be held at 3 different schools with a decision to be made by Spring Break.

VI. Assessment-Evaluation Presentation (Matt Reynolds)



DAC Assessment
Recommendation PPT

Matt Reynolds, Assessment and Data Officer, provided an overview on the current recommendations for principals concerning the development and use of assessments in evaluation in relation to Senate Bill 10-191. Matt is seeking feedback and recommendations from DAC. Basic CITE 6 Model which includes 40% individual attribution to teacher and 10% collective attribution as measure of student learning. Jean Medberry asked about the impact of students opting out and Matt indicated there is variation. Melody Fields asked about opting out at higher grade levels. Marco Fields asked about consistency with different teachers in same school. As a teacher, Matt Rogers shared an example of individual attribution. Andy Jones asked when the majority of testing is done? Matt Reynolds indicated the Spring for state level and teachers have flexibility. Question from the audience asking if teachers are still entering



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data? There is still data entry related to the 40% individual attribution. Melody shared that additional discussion will occur at the January 30th UIP session and at the March DAC meeting if needed.

VII. School Finance Overview Presentation (Bonnie Betz)



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Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer, gave an overview of budget and finances in the following areas: District-wide Revenues, Fund Accounting and Fund Structure, The School Finance Act, SY 2018-19 Budget Development and the Governor's Budget Request, PERA Future Considerations. Bonnie shared the compelling negative impact of \$60M per year due to the Budget Stabilization Factor. DCSD continues to lag significantly in Mill Levy Override (MLO) compared to other school districts. PERA funding liability is out of the DCSD control and has to be sustained per state statutes. Please refer to Bonnie's presentation for full details of DCSD financial outlook. Andy Jones asked about the need to depend on MLO. Superintendent Erin Kane stated DCSD leadership will hope for the best but plan for the worse given where we are today. Erin mentioned MLO is to pay for compensation and student programs but does not cover capital needs which are desperately needed. Melody Fields noted the differing perceptions on budget priorities vs. needs understanding priorities should inform the BOE. While residential homes continue to rise in Douglas County, Erin shared that does not equate to families with children as we are seeing some gentrification in certain parts of the county. Acknowledgement and recognition of this factor must be considered in any type of ballot initiatives in the future asking voters to support DCSD financial and capital needs.

VIII. DAC Bylaws Revision



(draft) DAC By-Laws
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Chris Pratt led a discussion of the Bylaws revisions with most discussion focused on why various changes were being proposed. There was consensus to change the bylaws to allow two year terms and a three term limit for DAC members going forward. Due to time constraints



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the DAC decided to try and continue the overall bylaws discussion at another time - even virtually if possible.

IX. **Family, School and Community Partnerships Policy**



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The Family, School and Community Partnerships Policy was reviewed and met with overall praise for its intent and purpose to elevate collaboration between families, communities and DCS. The BOE will review at its upcoming meeting on January 16th. It was noted the importance of including SACs given their importance at the school and community level.

Excerpt from last paragraph

“DCSD Board members, committee members, and school district employees will recognize the value of contributions of parents and community members toward the goal of building a strong connection between DCSD families, schools, and the larger Douglas County community, in order to promote and strengthen the academic success of students.”

X. **Open Discussion:** SACs need guidance from DAC and DCSD on their role in teacher evaluation. Melody Fields mentioned there is a document under draft to be placed on the DAC website in the future. Guidance is needed to support SACs on their role in UIP and having conversations with local school officials, namely principals.

XI. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm