

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)

April 28, 2015 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the DAAC chair, Erica West. Introductions were made. The agenda was approved by consent. The March 17, 2015 minutes were approved by consent.

Administration Update – Dr. Lou Fletcher expressed the importance of having the opinions of young people, which is being accomplished with 49 Voices. He suggested the Budget Subcommittee should also make up the Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee.

Board Update – Kevin Butcher indicated it is a chaotic end of the school year with lots of year end activities. He attended the Sand Creek H.S. capping ceremony. The district is working hard monitoring the current year budget, while projecting next year's budget. It looks like there will be more funding per student from the state, which will be helpful. There is a Teacher Compensation Committee that is looking at options to fund step increases for staff.

Speaker – Jim Bonavita – Thurs., Apr. 30, is the deadline to submit charter school applications for this year's cycle. He anticipates two: Capstone Academy (K-12 Classical Academy) and Trade Academy (grades 6-12, skilled manufacturing and building trades). Both plan to open in the 2015-2016 school year. DAAC will be informed and at least three DAAC members are required to be on the review subcommittee. All comments (strengths and weaknesses) will be saved and housed from subcommittee individuals. The subcommittee will present to the DAAC, who will make a recommendation to the board. All comments will be given to the board. Erica indicated that anyone is able to join the subcommittee, if desired. Anyone serving on the committee should complete a conflict of interest form and turn it in to Erica or Lou.

Budget Subcommittee Presentation – Spending priorities are submitted by SACs to the budget subcommittee and by principals through the appropriate zone. The DAAC will present recommended spending priorities at the May board of education meeting. **Motion carries to approve the spending priorities as presented.**

- Some of the SACs did not submit their priorities. Schools that did not submit their priorities were asked to send them to Erica by May 1. Erica will compile and send the list to the DAAC members for a vote to include them in the presentation.
- Lou suggested that the DAAC budget subcommittee serve as the Mill Levy Override Oversight committee. The subcommittee starts with a knowledge base of the budget process. Erica West and David Rex volunteered to be on the MLO Oversight Committee. **Motion carries to create a mill levy override oversight committee and join it with the budget subcommittee, as a joint committee.** People not on DAAC may be part of the committee.
- Dave Knoche suggested SACs lay out their calendar next to the DAAC calendar. Lisa Fillo shared that Skyview M.S. created an online survey through Infinite Campus, asking parents when the best time is to meet.

Unfinished Business

- A. Subcommittee updates:
- Parent Engagement subcommittee - none
 - Budget subcommittee
 - Unified Improvement Plan subcommittee - none
 - Charter subcommittee - none
 - Bylaws subcommittee - none
 - School conduct and discipline code subcommittee – decided to make the information more digestible for parents, in the following area: rights and responsibilities; optimize policies online by creating a search tool for policies; standard operating procedures for administrators; authorized user for IT in the district (AUA items will get pushed to building level). The subcommittee will submit a document at the next DAAC meeting and present it to the school board.
 - Zone subcommittee – meeting May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Springs Ranch Elementary – Matt will send out email to those that signed up
- B. School schedule/school supply lists – Schools should continue this year as last year and monitor feedback. Communicate with parents early and often to eliminate complaints.

New Business

- A. Proposed 2015-2016 DAAC schedule: Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Dec. 1, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 15, Apr. 26, and May 17. **Motion carries to approve dates for next school year.**
- B. Term of position and continuation of subcommittees – SAC representatives are two year terms, at which time the representative would need to resubmit an application. Karen will send out notice to SAC chairs and principals of those whose term is up. Let Erica know if you will not be returning next year.
- C. SAC training – Lou talked about coordinating with CDE for June training for SAC members to help define responsibilities. Karen suggested that perhaps August would be a better time since new SAC members might be selected by then. E-mail Erica your preference for training. David Rex suggested an executive type group could be used to train SACs, such as Colorado Springs School District 11 uses.

School Reports

- Patriot Learning Center – The principal is not returning and Michelle Meany questioned what role does DAAC/SAC have. It's a personnel issue, so it's not discussed in public. Michelle is disappointed Mr. Wilkie is leaving, as she believes the students respect him. She's worried about the safety at their school. The new principal will be Steve Oberg.
- Falcon Virtual Academy is now Springs Studio for Academic Excellence and has the Colorado State Online Counselor of the Year.
- Sand Creek H.S. has three Daniels scholarship winners and a Best and Brightest student.
- Springs Ranch – During a discussion about a potential bond issue, it was suggested that at least one person from each school be on the committee next time.

Other

Public Forum

- Great Education Colorado is trying to schedule presentations about the Colorado Academic Standards and the Common Core Standards. Karen passed around forms for anyone interested in learning more.
- A presentation from the transportation department may be scheduled on next meeting's agenda. The county commissioners have been meeting about traffic concerns at Rocky Mt. Classical Academy. Kudos to Gene Hammond, director of transportation, for helping to work on a plan for presentation to the commissioners. Improvements have been made to the traffic flow. The district is also looking at making RMCA a transfer point for bus routes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The next meeting is May 19 at the Education Service Center.

Karen Hobson, Secretary

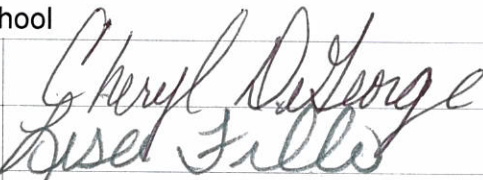
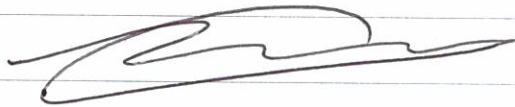

Approved Karen Hobson
Date 5-19-15

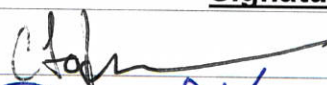
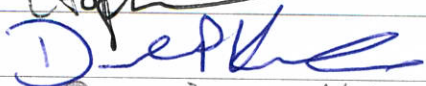
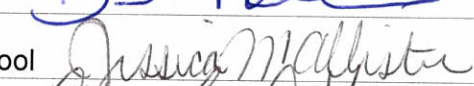
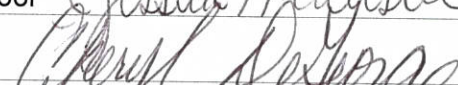



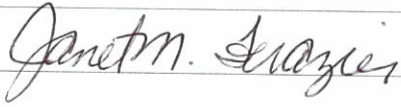


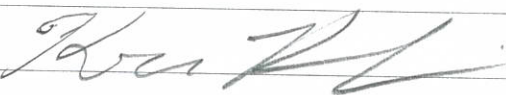
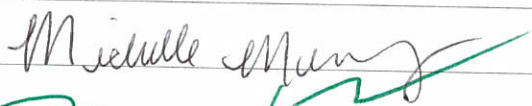

Attached:
4-28-15 – Sign In Sheet

Location
Education Service Center

DAAC
3/17/15

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David Knoche	Admin Rep Elem	
Jessica McAllister	Admin Rep Homeschool	
Cheryl DeGeorge	Admin Rep HS	
Lisa Fillo	Admin Rep MS	
Lisa Reid	Admin Rep Parent	
Sophie Hansen	BLRA	
Kevin Butcher	BOE Primary	
Tammy Harold	BOE Secondary	
Louis Fletcher	CEO Liaison	
Peter Hilts	CO	
Alfred Coxe	Community	
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Christine Dodson	EIES/Teacher	
Janet Frazier	FES/Teacher	
Dana Palmer	FHS	
Chris Bombria	FMS	
Randy Feola	FVA	
Shelly Demetrelis	HMS	
Richard Cameron	HMS/Teacher	
David Rex	IIR/Vice-Chair	
Karen Hobson	Member at Large	
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Tasha Peters	RVES	

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Christina Ciccariello	SCHS	Christina Ciccariello
	SES	
Erica West	SMS/Chair	Erica West
Matt Landon	SRES	Matt L.
Tambria Miller	VRHS	Tambria Miller
Michelle Arneson	WHES	Michelle Arneson
Jim Bravita	Connect Zone	Jim Bravita
John Schymos	SRES	John Schymos
Bre McGrath	SMS student	Bre McGrath
Ron Serin2	Finance	Ron Serin2
Brett Ridgway	CO	Brett Ridgway