**District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Minutes**

May 11, 2021

Peakview Hall 6-8 pm



**Call Meeting to Order: 6:02pm**

**Introductions:**

**Approval of April Meeting Minutes: Karen, Motion. Sharon, Seconded.**

**Approval of Agenda: Sharon, Motion. Karen, Seconded.**

**Administration Update:** Dr. Louis Fletcher

**Board Update:** Rick Van Wieren

* New board member, Ivy Liu
* David Rex will be presenting at the 5/13 board meeting for DAAC Financial Areas Emphasis List

**Presentations:**

Brett Ridgway - Equity Funding & 21-22 Per pupil funding

* Bus Drivers, paraprofessionals are important and are in a category of being understaffed and underpaid relative to our competitors
* Funding between districts is very different; even with overrides, we are still underfunded with what taxpayers have agreed to pay
* Q: What kind of strategy are you looking at? Is that something the board has to decide? How does that affect voters that consistently see a request for more funding? A: We need to make material changes (not just a mil at a time). That won’t have the impact. It needs to be a more measurable, material adjustment (like 5 mils). There is no specific answer yet but those are things that go through my mind of what Brett may propose.
* Most of the mils goes towards capital funding (out of 18: 14 to capital improvements and only 4 to operations)
* The last 7 years we passed a MLO (2014, 2016, 2018); the ballot question was able to be prefaced with “without raising taxes”. We are now at the point where taxes need to be raised. We were hoping to build confidence within the community for what we have spent the MLO on in the past.
* The last time there was a tax increase was 2005
* Finding the community voice would be a big first step to spreading the word about how this is necessary and a good thing for our district.

[D49.org: Building our Future Community](https://www.d49.org/domain/1916) A page on the district website that shows where our former MLOs went to.

* 3A, 3B and 4C Funds: As our community grows, the funding will increase (not property taxes but as property values rise). Does this increase as our student count increases? At some point but not in large part. Most new developments come with students. It’s moving with the community but not catching up (which is what we need)
* **Competition Revenue Comparison** (D11/D20 comparison)
	+ To get d49 up to 0, it will take a large revenue change

Pedro Almeida - Operations & upcoming construction projects

* What kind of concerns are being raised around facilities/funding?
	+ Buckets in the hallways of EES; they’re concerned that their money goes to other bigger projects that aren’t the school where their children attend.
	+ Facilities Growth:
		- We are working on finalizing plans for the construction of a new middle school. We have acquired land. Our target was to have a new middle school open by August 2023. Now, design. This time next year, breaking ground. The land has not been developed yet (Norwood and Challenger are out there). We are dependent on other entities (EPA, developer, utilities). The land is on Barnes/Marksheffel (water tower, east). Process for a new middle school design: Education office, planning team (from across the district) and the design team
		- Bennett Ranch will get an addition for growth. Consolidated campus model with FMS and BRES.
	+ Transportation Center: adding 10-20 bus routes with a new middle school. We are maxed out of our current footprint at CO. Busses are parked too close. Transportations does not have the facilities to work on the busses (3 bays for 100 busses). Currently, we have 100 school busses and 60 white vehicles (vans, small busses). New property at the Falcon Legacy Campus (there is a lot of land not being used effectively). The benefit of using FLC is that we do not need to ask developers or wait for them to donate land. Working on studies on traffic in that area. The land given to us can instead be used for new schools. This land would allow us to have room to grow for the next 40-50 years.
	+ Transportation/Nutrition Services Staffing:
		- New problem: Down 31 positions out of 91 (NUTS)
		- Down 30 positions out of 91 (transportation); we have always been short bus drivers but the problem is getting worse

Peter Hilts - Education Programs

* Q: With other states starting to fully open, do you think that Colorado will follow suit and fully open? If we do follow suit will D49 follow the opening or will it create its own mandates for staff and students?
* A: Peter is not sure. CO will continue on the measured pace that we have been on. We won’t be the last or the first to fully normalize.
* Q: I know that were are on a Zone model, but what are we doing at a district level to support equity between Zones. For example, certain buildings have more technology or newer curriculum or extra programs which seems to encourage parents to choice in from different zones. Why are we competing with ourselves when there is plenty of outside sources pulling at our student count? Is there any plan to ensure buildings have more equity?
* A: We want to have lots of different kinds of schools that fit a large number of kids and their plans. We think this is a feature and not a deficiency. We don’t see it as competition, instead it makes for better options for families.
* Q: Have we considered holding positions for childcare leave? Someone could take a year leave (unpaid) and have a position in D49 promised in one year. We might not be able to promise the same school, but we could promise a place to go. It could be a reason to work for D49 when the pay isn't comparable to other places.
* A: This has not been brought up in the VCT. That team brings up issues to help the Chiefs prioritize policies.
* Q: Are quarantining requirements being reconsidered as more people, and soon children, are getting vaccinated?
* A: Peter can’t speak to the county eliminating quarantines. Targeted contact tracing is happening now (less people in quarantine). ECH will waive quarantines if every student and teacher will agree to get vaccinated and get tested weekly; we know we cannot do that or get there. We are hopeful that quarantines will fade away as case rates fade away. Plan in the fall: Masks optional for everyone (this is the vision).
* Q: Is d49 going to require vaccines to teach? Aurora public schools is telling teachers they need to be vaccinated by next year to teach. Is d49 going to require? A: NO. Not for students or the workforce.
* Q: E learning next year. A: We do not think we should teach synchronously (a teacher in the classroom teaching while kids are on zoom). There are 3 teachers in the district that do it well so the district will not prevent them from doing this but the chiefs would want to have e-learning dedicated and consolidated (i.e. 3rd grade in the falcon zone, or a collaboration between schools). Buildings will make this decision.
* Q: how does that affect staff that is home sick or quarantined? Can they still teach from home? A: We are not sure what this will look like. It will depend on the quality and definition of a quarantine.

**SAC Reports:**

* It is perfectly okay to say you have no new information to report, this is an opportunity to update the DAAC about what your SAC is doing, in terms of voting and special initiatives. Ex. Voted on the UIP, the last of our MLO money was spent on our playground
* ALLIES: 4/21 nothing to report though. Representative: Mary Ellen McCluggage Subcommittee: Family Engagement
* Banning Lewis Ranch: April meeting but nothing to report. Representative: Rick Dahlman/Guin Leader/Kati Lusk Subcommittee:
* Bennett Ranch: Have not met; do not have an active SAC. Representative: Christy Kennedy/Jennifer Penny Subcommittee: MLO
* Evans Elementary: Met on 5/5. UIP. Representative: Melissa Mayfield Subcommittee:
* Falcon Elementary: Combined PTA coming up on Thursday. Representative: Melanie Holts Subcommittee: CIP
* Falcon Middle: Met last week. Nothing to report. Representative: Karen Hobson Subcommittee: Family Engagement/By Laws
* Falcon High School: Nothing new to report. Meet this month. Representative: Katie Newbill Subcommittee: Family Engagement
* GOAL: Not here. Representative: Karla Ash Subcommittee: Charter
* Grand Peak Academy: Nothing new to report. Will meet in May. Representative: Gabriel Cardenas Subcommittee: MLO
* Horizon Middle: UIP. 3rd in Best of the Springs. Representative: Lauren Stuart Subcommittee: Family Engagement
* Inspiration View Elementary: Don’t have an active SAC so nothing to report. Representative: Jessica Cohen Subcommittee:
* Liberty Tree Academy: Nothing to report. Representative: Shannon Wilson Subcommittee: Charter/MLO
* Meridian Ranch Elementary: Not here. Representative: Shawn Healy Subcommittee: MLO
* Mountain View Academy: April meeting. UIP. Representative: Jessica Huston Subcommittee:
* Odyssey Elementary: Not here. Representative: Trinity Wedde Subcommittee: Family Engagement
* Patriot High School: Met on April 28th. Grant for diagnostic review and how that pertains to school improvement. Representative: April Roy Subcommittee: Restorative Practices
* Pikes Peak Early Colleges: NOt here. Representative: Annette Branch/Patrica McKenzie Subcommittee:
* PPSEL: April Meeting. Nothing to report. Representative: Joanne Wheeler Subcommittee:
* PTEC: Not here. Representative: LeErika Warren Subcommittee:
* Remington Elementary: UIP. Spanish immersion program in 2022. Looking to expand PLTW. Cave simulator. Representative: Brett Bateman/Janna Colburn Subcommittee: MLO
* Ridgeview Elementary: March meeting and nothing to report. Representative: Stephanie Krug Subcommittee:
* RMCA: Nothing to report. Representative: Ashlynn Smith Subcommittee: Charter
* Sand Creek High School: Not here. Representative: Shelly Demetrelis Subcommittee:
* Skyview Middle School: Nothing to report. Representative: David Rex Subcommittee: Bylaws
* Springs Ranch Elementary: Improvements and goals for next year. Representative: Valerie Lake Subcommittee:
* Springs Studio: Met yesterday. UIP. (PPEC too) Representative: Kaitlyn Pukansky Subcommittee:
* Stetson Elementary: Not here. Representative: Lanee VanSant Subcommittee:
* Vista Ridge High School: Meeting tomorrow. Nothing to report. Representative: Sharon Smith Subcommittee: Family Engagement
* Woodmen Hills Elementary: Nothing to report. Meeting tomorrow. Representative: Mary Hopper Subcommittee: CIP
* Community Member: Not present. Representative: John Ireland Subcommittee: CIP
* Admin. Rep. Charter: We do not have any charter applications to review this year. Representative: Kathleen Tavernier Subcommittee: Charter
* Admin. Rep. Elementary: Representative: Subcommittee:
* Admin. Rep. Homeschool: Representative: Subcommittee:
* Admin. Rep. High School: Not here. Representative: Alyssa Nicholson Subcommittee: CIP
* Admin. Rep. Middle School: Nothing to report. Representative: Patricia Goiscia Subcommittee: MIL/CIP

**Subcommittee updates:**

* Budget/MLO: Nothing to report.
* Bylaws: Nothing to report.
* Charter: No charters to review.
* Family Engagement: Did not meet.
* Restorative Practices: Last meeting is 4pm tomorrow in rm 122 in Creekside.
* Continuous Improvement Planning: Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:**

* **Vote on 21-22 DAAC Dates**: August 24, 2021, September 21, 2021, October 26, 2021, December 7, 2021, January 25, 2022, February 22, 2022, March 8, 2022, April 19, 2022, May 10, 2022 *Motion, Brett. Sharon, Seconded.*
* **Vote on 21-22 DAAC Agenda Setting Meetings:** August 11, 2021, September 8, 2021, October 6, 2021, November 17, 2021 for December 7th meeting, January 12, 2022, February 9, 2022, February 23, 2022 for March 8th meeting , April 6, 2022, April 27, 2022 for May 10th meeting *Motion, Sharon. Patty, Seconded.*

**New Business:**

* If you are not going to be a part of DAAC next year, please let your principal know so that they will be able to find a replacement before August 24th, 2021.
* SAC/DAAC Shared Calendar
* Track and Increase Engagement at SAC Meetings
	+ Ways to track and submit attendance and topics

**Adjournment: 7:47pm**