

**Meridian Ranch Elementary School  
School Accountability Committee**

**May 2, 2018  
5:30-6:30 p.m.**

**I. Welcome**

**a. Introductions**

- i. Sheehan Freeman-Todd, John Webb, Shelly Welch, Angie Stephan, Steve Pahl

**II. Prior Meeting**

**a. Approval of Agenda**

- i. Approved

**b. Approval of Minutes**

- i. Approved

**III. Principal Updates**

**a. Budget**

**i. 3B Project Update – Spring Break**

- 1. 16 classrooms were re-carpeted and three bathrooms were completely redone. The floors are more sanitary, the drainage has been improved, and painting was completed.
- 2. Safe entry has been completed. The doors will be locked during the day later this week as traffic flow has been improved and increased communication has occurred.

**ii. 3B Project Update – Summer**

- 1. One more hallway will be renovated (east side). The core areas of the building, including technology, the library, and other areas will be completed.

**iii. Parent Feedback – Enhancements and Next Year**

- 1. We are currently under budget. There will be approximately \$12,000-\$15,000 available. What would this committee like to see pursued?
  - a. New library enhancements – Being able to transform the library and incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning spaces. This could include a mounted projector, new furniture that could be used for community purposes and collaboration. We could also separate checkout and PBL.

- b. Technology Lab – This could be a flexible space with Chromebooks with a Makerspace.
- 2. What has currently been done?
  - a. MLO funds and PTA funds have already contributed to replacing the moveable wall between music and the gym.
  - b. Seven additional cameras (5 interior, 2 exterior) and the fence has been finished with MLO funds as well.
- 3. Action Item: SAC recommends utilizing additional funds to contribute to transforming the library and technology lab into 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environments. Action approved unanimously.

## **b. Staffing Expectations**

### **i. Looking ahead to next year**

- 1. Currently, we have four second grade sections, and we are five-wide at every grade-level with the exceptions of six classrooms in first grade. Next year, there is going to be five at every grade-level.

## **IV. DAAC Update**

### **a. D49 Name Change**

#### **i. Please visit [d49.org](http://d49.org) and click on the VOW survey.**

- 1. The district currently operates under three different names: El Paso County D49, Falcon School District 49, and D49. The district would like to create uniformity and unite under one name that includes a geographic marker.

### **b. School Finance**

#### **i. The Big 3**

- 1. TABOR, Gallagher Amendment, and School Finance Act all act as a “perfect storm” for why District 49 is funded at low levels.

## **V. Topics for discussion**

### **a. Meeting Dates for Next Year**

#### **i. DAAC Dates: 8-28-18, 9-25-18, 10-23-18, 12-4-18, 1-22-19, 2-26-19, 3-12-19, 4-23-19, 5-14-19**

- 1. SAC Meeting Dates: 8-27-18, 9-24-18, 11-12-18, 2-25-19, and 5-6-19.

### **b. SAC Elections**

- i. Candidates can prepare over the summer and MRES can have elections in on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Back-to-School Night – Booth and Recruitment**

**i.** July 31<sup>st</sup> – Back to School Night

**d. Other?**