



# District Accountability Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 25, 2021

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Google Meet

In attendance on Google Meet: Staci Cost, Shaine Gans, Lurleen McCormick, Tara Olson, Kim Parr, Kristin Pejsa, Alesa Reed, Lis Richard, Heather Rogers, Lenetta Shull, Shirley Tourjee, Deanna Truelsen, Michael Nielson, and Wendy Moore. Not in attendance: Sarah Carr, Sue Garlick, Elisa Olson, and Justin Schmitt.

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 by DAC Chairperson Staci Cost.

- I. **NWEA Training** – Alesa Reed presented the fall 2020 NWEA results to the members. In her PowerPoint presentation she showed how MAP Growth uses the RIT scale to help measure and compare academic growth. The RIT scale extends equally across all grades, making it possible to compare a student's score/growth throughout his/her education. Dolores students' scores are compared to the National level. In MS and HS, our math scores are couple points below the National Norm. The elementary is very close to the National Norm. For reading, MS and HS, with exception of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades, are slightly below the National Norm. The two exceptions exceeded the National Norm. Elementary scores are slightly above the National Norm. She stated that it's important to see a steady growth, but some growth has been interrupted with the pandemic. Another concern she shared is the lack of mastering math facts/skills. This has been ongoing for several years. She also shared some data from the fall 2020 DIEBELS testing of the elementary compared to fall 2019. This series of short tests that assess literacy showed fewer students in the red in 2019 than in the fall of 2020. Winter testing is taking place during the next two weeks. Alesa Reed will present these results to the DAC within the next couple months.
- II. **Proposed draft of 2021-2022 Calendar** – Superintendent Lis Richard is proposing a four day calendar for next year. The purpose of this is to attract and retain qualified teachers. She explained that 110 Colorado schools out of 178 schools are on the four day week. Instruction time would go from counting days to counting hours, with a school day increasing 25 minutes (15 minutes to the morning and 10 minutes to the afternoon). A position statement from the preschool stated that they have been on a four day week with one professional day a month and have seen a decrease in staff absences. The elementary and secondary schools have also written position statements in favor of this change, if approved by the board. Lis feels the input from the DAC is very important to the school board and this process and has asked the DAC to prepare a statement as well. Following her presentation on the proposal, the DAC members spent some time weighing the pros and cons. Staci and Wendy will draft a statement within the next few days and send out to DAC members for their edits and final approval.
- III. **DAC Parent Link for Comments** – Due to limited time, this topic was moved to February's agenda.



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**IV. Surveys (TLCC and Classified Staff)** – February 12 is a professional development day for staff and DAC is hoping some time can be given to staff during that day to complete the survey. The surveys are a part of the DAC’s annual Timeline to help provide information for areas in need of improvement for supporting teachers, leadership, and instruction.

**V. Future Business** – Find best meeting source for allowing public to access to DAC meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06. DAC’s next meeting is their regular meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021 and will be held on Google Meet.

Submitted by,  
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DAC Secretary