



District Accountability Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 22, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Google Meet

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 P.M. by DAC Chairperson Staci Cost.

- I. **Surveys (TLCC and Classified Staff)** – The 2020-2021 TLCC Survey results were combined with the results from the New Teachers’ survey and the Leadership survey which contained most of the same questions. These results were compared to the data from the 2019-2020, CDE’s TLCC Survey. While participation in the 2020-2021 surveys was slightly lower than last year, there was an overall increase in the percentages of “highly agree” and “agree” responses as compared to last year. Some areas for the 2020-2021 school year that show improvement are Leadership, School and Teacher; Student Behavior Support; Gifted Student Support; Support for Students with Disabilities; and Our School is a Good Place to Learn/ Work. In addition, more teachers plan to continue teaching at our district compared to the data of the 2019-2020 survey. An area that did not show improvement is responses dealing with Professional Development. Those percentages remain low for both years. Also, new teachers are not consistently getting the support/training throughout the year, with exception of the new teacher orientation at the beginning of the school year. Because the surveys were not school specific, it is difficult to see where the new teacher support is needed.

The Classified Staff survey had a higher participation rate than last year’s, from 27% to almost 50%. In most areas, 2020-2021 percentages did not differ from 2019-2020.

One concern from the surveys that the DAC members have is the “No Opinion” choice is being counted and averaged with the “Agree” choices. The members decided that those choices should be a separate percentage. Staci is going to make a spread sheet showing those separate percentages. Another concern is how get the entire school staff to take the surveys. DAC would still like to see a specific time given to it during a Professional Development day. DAC also believes that the results should be shared with the staff, perhaps by the schools’ leadership. A summary of the surveys’ results and recommendations of areas for improvement will be prepared for school board for their meeting in April.

- II. **Future Business – Winter NWEA Results** – Tentatively set for April’s meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M. DAC’s next regular meeting is planned for Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. and will be held on Google Meet.

Submitted by,
Wendy Moore, DAC Secretary