



District Accountability Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Google Meet

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 P.M. by DAC Chairperson Staci Cost.

- I. **Winter NWEA Results** – Alesa Reed shared the Winter/Middle of Year (MOY) NWEA results. These results were also presented to the board of directors during their March meeting. Mrs. Reed explained that the cohort data pertains to the same group of students for the consecutive sessions of Winter 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021, etc. Overall, our elementary students are staying close to or above the National Norm in both Math and Reading. Middle school's Math and Reading is climbing steadily, but is still a few points below the National Norm, with the exception of Sixth grade in Reading which is right at the National Norm. High school, also, is just a few points below the National Norm, with the exception of our 12th grade which is above in both Reading and Math. 11th grade is above the National Norm in Math and 9th grade is above the National Norm in Reading. Mrs. Reed stressed the importance of seeing a steady climb and strong growth throughout the cohort data. She also shared the MOY DIEBELS data for Kindergarten – Third grades. This showed four bands of color, with Red and Yellow being below grade level in literacy, and Green and Blue on level or beyond grade level. This data showed that only about half of these students are at the Green and Blue levels in literacy. All End of Year (EOY) testing (NWEA and DIEBELS) is taking place at this time and Mrs. Reed will be back to present these results.
- II. **Discuss Nominations for 2021-2022 Chairperson and Secretary** –DAC secretary, Wendy Moore, is retiring from the district at the end of May. She will no longer be an employee of the district, and therefore a new secretary is needed to replace her. Sue Garlick offered to take on those duties. We will reach out to the members of the DAC who were not in attendance, as well, for other nominations for secretary, and then vote on it at our next meeting. Members also felt it was best to only replace one position at this time.
- III. **Review Parent Survey Questions** – One concern brought up about the survey is if parents should fill out a survey for each of their children. Mr. Nielson, having children in all the Dolores schools, believes it is important to fill out a survey for each of his children. He says that each child has a different experience and the outcome of the survey won't be the same for all of his children. Elementary Principal McCormick also suggested the wording on some of the questions regarding parents feeling welcome at school and being involved in children's activities at school, etc. be modified for Coronavirus practices/protocols. The survey is going out to parents next week. Staci Cost plans to present the survey results with comparisons of last year's results to the board at their June meeting. The results may also be used by the MLT (Multi-Tiered System of Support Leadership Team) to help in promoting parent involvement.



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- IV. UIP** – Additions – The UIP committee will meet in August to review the data from the EOY NWEA testing and revise the academic action steps according to results and surveys. The data from the 2021 CMAS will also be added to it. It will then be filed with the Colorado Department of Education in October.
- V. Future Business** – “Questions, Concerns, Comments, and Celebrations” Google form – Members discussed what information needs to be added so that parents feel comfortable leaving feedback. One idea was to have wording similar to the board of directors’ comment form. A concern was managing the upkeep of all comments. Michael Nielson shared the idea of having an App similar to the “Greater Band” App where things are more controlled or regulated. Tara Olson added that most schools are involved in some kind of social media. Staci Cost and Lurleen McCormick are going to look further into this idea.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M. DAC’s next regular meeting is planned for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. and will be held at the district office and on Google Meet.

Submitted by,
Wendy Moore,
DAC Secretary