



District Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 24, 2021 **Time:** 5:30 p.m. **Location:** DO Mtg Rm/ Google Mt

In attendance: Staci Cost, Sue Garlick, Shirley Tourjee, Kristin Pejsa, Kim Parr, Tara Olson, Wendy Moore, Deanna Truelsen and On Google Meet: Elisa Olson, Michael Nielson, Heather Barrett, Justin Schmidt and Lurleen McCormick

DAC Chairperson Staci Cost called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- I. **Nominations for 2021-2022 Secretary:** Nominations were opened to members and all present voted for Sue Garlick as new secretary.

- II. **Parent Survey:** Chairperson Staci Cost led the discussion of the Parent Survey results with members. She will disaggregate the data into school levels including preschool, elementary, middle and high schools. This data will be added to the board packet. The COVID pandemic has had an impact on the ways in which certain questions were answered. Chairperson Cost read through the Additional Comments. Parents noted concerns with masking protocols' inconsistencies, attitudes about "popular kids," and administrative response. Many comments range from positive to negative. Comments included concerns about differentiation, Gifted and Talented programming, academic advisement, unaddressed racial slurs, and teachers not individualizing for students. One parent commented that the four-day week did not allow for public input; members listed the opportunities for this involvement. Parents sought to gain understanding of drop off/

pick up practices. One comment discussed their concern that math is such a weak area in the district and asked how it might be addressed. Final comments included concerns about communication from school to home. Parents asking about late schedule changes (due to COVID), requesting specific information about events, and how to add access to this information in formats that everyone could use. The positive feedback shared a level of gratitude for teachers and the district's role in keeping kids safe during COVID. Concerning the parent survey, Chairperson Cost will work to separate the data among the school levels so in an effort to make this feedback even more helpful to principals.

III. Future Business: Members, led by Chairperson Cost, discussed recruitment of parents and a preschool level representative. Next meeting is set for July 26th (4th Monday of the month) at 5:30 p.m. to be organized for the August Board meeting. We discussed Back to School and how to contact people on these events to share about the work that the DAC does. The meetings are always open for people to attend once in awhile or monthly. Concerning the district calendar that is used to share school events, the suggestion was made to color code the schools so that parents could more readily access the information they need. Social Media was discussed as a platform, but Facebook is not allowed on campus. Chairperson Cost will continue to work with Mark Baxter and Administration to open these avenues for communication.