



District Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 23, 2021 **Time:** 5:30 p.m. **Location:** District School Board Meeting Room, 100 N. 6th St. Dolores/Google Hangouts

Attendance: Staci Cost, Justin Schmitt, Tara Olson, Mike Nielson, Lurleen McCormick, Heather Barritt, and Sue Garlick

1. Introduction to prospective new members: also present Cara Meier, Tatum Sena, and Kayci Stone
2. DAC Timeline and DAC responsibilities: Education given to new members for a sense of the committee's work and responsibilities to support the board in the UIP, budget, and school board advisement and special projects. All align with district vision and mission. The DAC will continue to meet in a hybrid format and in person for one hour meetings the fourth Monday of each month; sub committees will continue to work on surveys. UIP is due this year and Alesa Reed, Kristin Pejsa, Mike Nielson, and principals will develop this; it will be submitted in October; based on internal data because we don't have external data. The TLCC will provide us with teacher input. The TLCC comes from CDE every other year. The staff survey gives us similar data from non certified staff members.
3. Superintendent hiring process review: the district followed the dates and procedure/policy for the interim superintendent's hiring; the Board chose 5 candidates and then interviewed them all; they waited the 14 days and then announced their choice for the position; a committee was formed from volunteers in community/ staff; some lack of communication but the board agendas were posted but advertising for committee was not procedural; the email went out to solicit teachers but parents were not included; some people were asked by Laurie Arnett to join the committee. Discussion was about clarification in the future when the district rehires at the end of the interim superintendent's term. The discussion from the DAC was in favor of more clearly advertised parameters for hiring a superintendent for the community and parents.
4. Information from meeting with Superintendent/Board directives for the 2021-2022 school year: Staci met with Dr. Blincoe, and he would like everyone to know he has an "open door" policy. He would like to have the DAC be the committee to assist with the ESSER 3 funds allocations for COVID relief. The committee would need to consider the expenditures and how to apply for the funds as they will be available through 2024. Cara shared about CDE funds to support COVID supplies like masks and tests. ESSER2 was \$262,101 the next is \$580,000 (ESSER3). The Board will direct the DAC for this next step.
5. Exit Survey: This survey answered questions about specific concerns that came out of primarily secondary students leaving the district. The google form will be a part of what

Ms. Dibsie asks people to complete and will generate more understanding when students leave the district. The introduction letter explains the intent and how we will use the information. The survey includes several questions that would allow us to understand what happened for families; the survey's format was discussed with input concerning length, questions, positive or negative tone, and what we want to capture from people. Cara suggested a drop down with ranked options; Mark Baxter can consult on the functionality of form; we need parents to complete the survey to complete reporting; the strategy of using the information as part of the withdrawal process and actually using the information to possibly contact families to see if we can fix something to keep them attending our schools. After working with Mark, Staci will redo and send it back out in an email for input and feedback; she will leave the comment box to the end.

6. Review of Board Strategic Plan: available on the Doloresschools.org website below School Board. The DAC has created a presentation for the board regarding the recommendations from parent survey results with alignment to the current strategic plan. Staci will present this after being reviewed by Dr. Blincoe. This is a work in progress.

7. UIP involvement: Michael Nielson and Kristin Pejisa will be attending the next meeting with Alesa Reed.

8. Letter to thank parent involvement: Is a work in progress.

9. Finalize member commitment: Tatum Smith, Kayci Stone, and Cara Meier all agree to become committee members. Will await the board to appoint these members at the next board meeting. The current DAC members are in support of Staci Cost remaining as the chairperson and will await for board appointment.

10. Future Business: Direction from the board will happen at the September board meeting. Will have a preliminary report regarding the UIP.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M. DAC's next regular meeting is planned for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. and will be held at the district office and on Google Meet.

Submitted by,
Staci Cost, DAC Chair