



District Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 29, 2022 **Time:** 5:30 p.m. **Location:** District School Board Meeting Room, 100 N. 6th St. Dolores/Google Hangouts

Attendance: Staci Cost- Chair, Cara Meier - Co-Chair, Reece Blincoe, Kim Parr, Kristin Pesja, Mike Nielson, Anna Vaughn, Katherine Freeman, Susan Miller, Shirley, Tourjee, David Thornton, Mary Weiss, and Sue Garlick

1. Introduction to prospective new members: Anna Vaughn
2. Introduction of Co-Chair - Cara Meier
3. DAC Timeline and DAC responsibilities:
 - DAC website - DAC Handbook.
 - 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 charges family engagement 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.
 - The UIP committee will have Kristin Pejsa and Mike Nielson present to represent the DAC and report back to the DAC with any needed review and assistance.
 - The TLCC will be completed by the DAC this year. The TLCC comes from CDE every other year. The staff survey gives us similar data from non certified staff members. The DAC will complete the parent survey.
 - The budget will be assessed by the DAC prior to January.
4. Superintendent report:
 - Colorado State has Dolores School District Ranking low due to lack of participation. Alesa Reed has been in contact with the state. Reece received an email from the state regarding the preliminary framework for the ranking of the district. The state has delayed the results due errors in the data limitations were discovered. The state had 27 students that the state said were Dolores students that didn't test. According to power school the 27 students had already been taken out of the system. This resulted in a zero for 27 students that were not Dolores students. The state finally realized that the system has issues. Solution from the state: Due to data accuracy issues and this year is a transitional year for accountability, the state commissioner has approved to remove the decrease due to participation requirement for 2022.

- Dolores School District has implemented an instructional model called Get Better Faster to improve instructional strategies.
- Cara Meier clarified with Reece the Dolores School District data is compared to a standard, not other schools.
- Alesa Reed will give a full presentation of the data by the September school board meeting.
- Strategic Plan Draft
 - Three Colors: Red-Focus Areas; Green - Strategic Priorities; White - Goals
 - Anna asked for clarification on how the initiatives are going to be tracked:
 - There will be 2 drafts of the strategic plan: The first copy will be a working copy with the people in charge and dates when things need to be accomplished. Complete and not complete goals will be assessed by the school board at the time of the superintendent evaluation. The second copy will be a copy with less detail available to the public.
 - The superintendent would like the DAC to review the strategic plan and give him feedback. He is hoping to have a complete document by December.
 - The DAC is part of the strategic plan: 1.1.9
 - Communication will be part of the strategic plan to assist with communication to parents and the community.
 - Facility improvements are part of the strategic plan. Reece has asked for participation on the building committee. Kim Parr has asked to be considered part of the committee.
- Graduate Profile
 - The superintendent would like to form a committee to build a graduate profile including representation from the DAC and student involvement.
 - The idea is to have every employee at the district to assist with implementation of the graduate profile.
 - These are the traits every student would possess when graduating.
 - The document at this point would be considered aspirational
 - Michael mentioned that prior to graduating highschool, he was required to complete an exit graduate portfolio. The portfolio was completed during a course called senior seminar and every senior was required to take the class. He felt this course assisted with getting ready for college.
 - Reece mentioned that there will be a senior seminar course again in the spring and the new academic counselor will be instructing the class.
 - Seniors are required to complete a senior service requirement as part of their government class. There is a 20 hour requirement.
- The School Health Professionals (SHP) is made up of Alesa Reed, Susan Miller, Amanda Higgins, Caitlin West, and Jen Gadis. Reece Blincoe directed the SHP to discuss the bullying policy with the School Health Professionals (SHP). He feels the SHP is well equipped to discuss the policy and to report back to the DAC if needed.

- Mary Weiss discussed the lack of credit given to the students taking high school classes that are currently in middle school.
- Discussion was held regarding how to progress students that have already passed through the high school curriculum as how it relates to the strategic plan. There are limited resources due to being a small district/small town. There are ways to promote educational options beyond what the district can offer.
- Difficulty hiring teachers is an issue.

5. June Report to the Board: Staci will find out from the school board when the board would like to have the final report from the DAC.

6. Survey discussion: Parent survey completed to fulfill the parent engagement portion of the DAC's responsibilities. Susan Miller reported that the SHP committee will be planning a parent night as well as ways to increase parent communication re: student mental health, including drug prevention, bullying, and other topics. Shirley asked about the exit survey for families and staff. The DAC currently has Lezlie Dibsie providing a link to the exit survey to the parent(s)/guardians of each student that disenrolled. The DAC will review the results and report to the school board at the end of the school year unless further action is required prior to the final report. Concern was brought up about the timeliness of feedback from the exit surveys reaching the appropriate school principal. Staci will provide the DAC with the exit survey results initially and then the DAC can assist with where the information should be disseminated.

7. Future Business: Direction from the board will happen at the September board meeting. Family Engagement. Finding volunteers for each committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M. DAC's next regular meeting is planned for Monday, September 26, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. and will be held at the district office and on Google Meet.

Submitted by,
Staci Cost, DAC Chair