



## District Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 26, 2022 **Time:** 5:30 p.m. **Location:** District School Board Meeting Room, 100 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Dolores/Google Hangouts

Attendance: Staci Cost- Chair, Cara Meier - Co-Chair, Kim Parr, Kristin Pesja, Anna Vaughn, Katherine Freeman, Deanna Truelsen, Trish Huston, Susan Miller, Shirley, Tourjee, Mary Weiss, Kayci Stone, Tatum Smith, and Amber Lansing

1. Introduction of members.

2. District Wide Food Drive - Amber Lansing with Dolores Food Bank last minute add to the agenda

- Would like to re-start the Dolores Food Drive. Amber would like to see either a community wide or district wide food drive. The food bank is struggling to get non-perishable foods. She would like to get her foot in the door with the school to promote food donations. The PTA does not always do a food drive.
- Weekly programs are run out of their pantry
- 21 backpack families in the dolores school district
- Provides snacks for elementary and secondary students
- Suggestion was made that each school sponsor a food drive
- Food donations increase around Thanksgiving
- Deanna discussed Amber possibly presenting at the Rotary Meeting to discuss the need to shelf safe foods. Amber agreed.
- Shirley suggested a drop off at the library where Amber could pick up food every Tuesday. Amber will look into having that as an option.
- Food Drive Subcommittee: Kristin and Mary will lead
  - to work with Amber and the District
  - assist with contacts and meetings Amber can attend
  - Kristin will talk to PTA
  - Mary will talk with Justin
  - Kristin and Mary will report back at next meeting

3. MTSS Grant Report - Katherine Freeman

- MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) Evolved out of RTI (Response to Intervention)
- Creating one system to support all students to promote success. Looking at all the systems of support and how they all fit together.
- The district is part of a regional model from the state through San Juan Boces
- We \$20,000 per year for 4 years = \$80,000 (the district joined late in the grant process, others have 5 years)
- Most money will go toward stipends for teacher training and meetings.

- The grant has a state specialist from the CDE and a regional coordinator through Boces, Katherine Freeman is the district coordinator, and we need a district implementation team that does the vision for the whole district.
- Starting out we need to have two schools involved (middle school and the high school).
- Elementary and preschool will be involved soon.
- There is a need for parent involvement and/or school board involvement. There can be rotating involvement.
- Would be helpful to have DAC involvement
- 5 components to MTSS
  - Team-driven shared leadership
  - Data-based problem solving
  - Family, school, and community partnering (FSCP)
  - Layered continuum of supports
  - Evidence-based practices
- Staci will participate in the MTSS in the role as parent and represent the DAC
- Just getting started and Katherine will keep the DAC updated.

#### 4. DAC charges

- Implement, report, and make recommendations on survey results
  - DAC will administer Parent Survey, TLCC Survey, and Staff Survey in January
  - Plan for the TLCC to be added to a professional development day
  - Remind the Leadership Meeting about the Staff Survey
  - Include in the May Board Report
  - Exit Surveys - will be discussed at next meeting
  - Staci will follow up with Lezlie and report at the next meeting
  - Discussion about an entrance survey
  - Teacher exits surveys- Staci to follow up with the district office and find out if they are still being completed
- Parent engagement
  - Parent Survey
  - MTSS
  - SHP Committee
  - Kim brought up communication
  - Increased and better communication was discussed
  - Is there a new website and is there a new app?
  - Staci will discuss with Cheri Walker and find out more information
  - Elementary will be bringing back the Galloping Goose
  - Middle school has a class for students to promote electronic communication - it is called Digital News. They are ready to start a facebook page where no comments will be allowed, although are waiting on approval from IT and administration.
  - Secondary parents feel little communication happens
  - Susan mentioned the counselor's corner, although is not sure if parents are accessing the platform. Parent nights have had very little participation.

- Cara mentioned that we may need to give people a chance as everything in the world has been disrupted. People need to hear things multiple times. People are getting back into the swing of things to gain participation in events. Some people have been feeling unsure or unsafe. If we commit to consistency, then participation and communication will build.
- Deanna discussed that not every family has wifi or cell phones
- Discussion was held about the possibility of a subcommittee to discuss parent engagement. It was decided by the group to discuss this as a full group at our next meeting
- Cara talked about the board and the strategic plan as a good place to hold accountability with communication
- List of how parents can be involved.
- In the past we had watch dogs as a way to be involved or PTA or Booster Club or concessions are a ways to be involved as a parent
- How can teachers communicate the need for help
- Teddy Bear Preschool has a great way to communicate
- In other schools the IT would educate the teachers on how to create and manage their own web page. Here it is tightly controlled to create a consistent message although it sacrifices the timeliness of communication.
- Next step is to bring to the leadership and school board.
- Staci will bring it to Reece, who will then bring it to the leadership and principals.
- The DAC can create a vision for what we envision communication looking like. A Communication Road Map
- Cara discussed starting with the calendar
- Kim will make list of communication needs
- Staci will review the results of parent survey re: communication for the next meeting
- Susan Burger does the district wide calendar
- Assist with Strategic Plan & Graduate Profile:
  - Cara discussed addressing the strategic plan and graduate profile as well for the next meeting
  - Is there a strategic plan committee? Staci will find out from Reece Blincoe if there is a committee and if there is will ask that a member of the DAC be present at the meetings. Anna Vaughn has volunteered to represent the DAC.
- Review student assessment tools as they relate to teacher evaluations - will be addressed by Staci in a separate meeting with Alesa Reed then report back to the DAC next meeting.
- May report to the board with an overall view of DAC accomplishments was discussed.
- The following was not addressed as we ran out of time
  - Budget overview, UIP
  - DAC - DAC responsibilities inventory and Timeline.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M. DAC's next regular meeting is planned for Monday, October 24, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. and will be held at the district office and on Google Meet.

Submitted by,  
Staci Cost, DAC Chair