



District Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24, 2023 **Time:** 5:30 p.m. **Location:** District School Board Meeting Room, 100 N. 6th St. Dolores/Google Hangouts

Attendance: Staci Cost Co-Chair, Cara Gildar Co-Chair, Kristin Pesja, Katherine Freeman, Trish Huston, Susan Miller, Shirley Tourjee, Mary Weiss, Virginia (Ginny) Johnson, Deanna Truelson, Tatum Smith, Anna Vaughn, Kayci Stone.

- I. **Parent Issue: “Accountability for Handling of Boebert Assembly”**
 - A. All DAC members were forwarded the email and first response to Leah Burkett’s email.
 - B. Leah replied and all DAC members were read the response to Leah’s second email:
 - C. “Leah, Thank you for your communication with the DAC regarding the assembly with Rep. Boebert and related communication with the District and the Board. We understand that you have several concerns, including the closed nature of the assembly with a political figure, the fact that Rep. Boebert was the only politician invited to speak at the school, the lack of a spontaneous Q&A session with students after the speech, and also your difficulty after the assembly regarding information you requested through CORA. Cara Gildar and I (DAC co-chairs) take your concerns seriously. We want to ensure that you have an appropriate venue for voicing them, being heard and working toward resolution. We are looking into the details of our charge as a DAC and whether it is within our scope to be involved in this matter. If it is not within our scope, our intention is to assist you in finding the right avenue. While we are making this inquiry a priority, it may take us some time and in the meantime we want you to know that your concerns have been heard.”
 - D. Cara and Staci will be looking into this.
 - E. Shirley discussed that, unless it is our realm of responding, the DAC might become a complaint board. How can we honor everyone’s concerns but not lose our focus on other DAC responsibilities.
- II. **Parent Survey:**
 - A. Discussion of having a sub committee next year
 1. Sub committee to review questions prior to sending the survey out.
 2. Add in a neither agree or disagree answer option

3. Sub committee to review answers and categorize and send to appropriate people to review including red flag responses
- B. Review of each question separated by each school
- C. Teddy Bear Preschool
1. Review of responses were mostly positive.
- D. Elementary:
1. Review of Question 26: "What would make Dolores School District more appealing?"
 - a) Discussion about the total number of comments and how it is good to see parent involvement. Weather positive or needs improvement. 102 comments total (not just elementary) for question 26.
 - b) "Take down the out of district student sign" - discussion about how the sign has very strong language.
 2. Review of Question 27 : "What did Dolores School District get right for you and your student? "
 3. Question 28: "Please enter any additional comments:"
 - a) A Parent not feeling confident in going over homework with their students due to change in curriculum.
 - b) Discussion about previous parent nights to assist parents in understanding the new curriculum with handouts and websites.
 - c) Math night during schoolorama nights.
 4. Discussion on how to look into or investigate "Red Flag Comments". Those will be forwarded to administration.
- E. Middle School
1. Review of Question 26: "What would make Dolores School District more appealing?"
 - a) After school activities sounds like a great idea, finding volunteers to teach the activities is the challenge.
 - b) Discussion on having difficulty with some answers and wondering what the parent exactly meant. Finding a way to follow up with that parent.
 2. Review of Question 27 : "What did Dolores School District get right for you and your student? "
 - a) Discussion about some parents wanting to have constant communication with their child (children).
 - b) Discussion of phone use not allowed in middle school and having this in the handbook.
 3. Question 28: "Please enter any additional comments:"
 - a) Next school year, DAC will review the comments made by parents to assist with building on the communication roadmap.
 - b) Discussion on how to utilize parents more in volunteer positions.
 - c) Susan mentioned it might be challenging to have a parent in a disciplinary role.
- F. High School
1. Review of Question 26: "What would make Dolores School District more appealing?"
 - a) Discussion of how the transition from Middle school to High school
 2. Review of Question 27 : "What did Dolores School District get right for you and your student? "

- a) Senior Seminar class might benefit to change to graduate profile class
 - (1) Balance checkbook
 - (2) Learning finance
- 3. Question 28: "Please enter any additional comments:"
 - a) Might benefit to have a comment at the end of the survey: "Do you feel comfortable having someone contact you?"
 - b) "Would you like someone to contact you?"
 - c) Is there a way to solicit the information and maintain anonymity?
 - d) Wrap up the survey with the DAC email to facilitate the connection with the right person to provide a way for resolution.
- G. DAC Presentation to the board
 - 1. Will present on each charge that was created at the beginning of the school year.
 - 2. Review of charges with results and plan.

III. Future Business:

- A. Exit Survey
- B. Communication Roadmap
- C. Next school year's agenda

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M. DAC's next regular meeting is planned for Monday, May 22, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. and will be held at the district office and on Google Meet.

Submitted by,
Staci Cost, DAC Chair