



# District Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 22, 2023 **Time:** 5:30 p.m. **Location:** District School Board Meeting Room,  
100 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Dolores/Google Hangouts

Attendance: Staci Cost Co-Chair, Cara Gildar Co-Chair, Reece Blincoe, Kristin Pesja,  
Katherine Freeman, Trish Huston, Susan Miller, Shirley Tourjee, Mary Weiss, Kim Parr,  
Deanna Truelson, Kayci Stone.

## I. Superintendent DAC Report 2022-2023 School Year:

### A. 2022-2023 Superintendent Main Initiatives

1. New Facilities
  - a) Buildings & Playgrounds
2. Instruction - Get Better Faster
3. Strategic Plan & Graduate Profile
4. PCC / Friday Academy
5. Co-Action Grant / SWCEC
  - a) Pathways
6. Personnel
7. Policies

### B. 2022-2023 Accomplishments

1. New Salary Schedule
2. Staff Bonus (x2)
3. Bullying Policy Enacted
4. Parent Night
5. Best Application
6. Policy Review
7. MTSS Team & Initiatives
8. New Instructional Program
9. New Teacher Leaders to Support
10. Mentoring Program
11. Instructional Coach
12. New Academic Counselor
13. AC Purchase
14. Friday Academy
15. CTE Programs Added
16. Compensation for Master Degrees
17. Graduate Profile Almost Complete
18. Strategic Plan
19. Math Alignment
  - a) Math Team Formed

### C. 2023-2024 Superintendent Main Initiatives

1. Continued from 2022-2023

- a) Instruction - GBF
  - b) Pathways / CTE
  - c) Personnel
  - d) Policies
2. New Initiatives
- a) Communications
    - (1) Discussion of the DAC Communication Roadmap. Staci will share this with Reece Blincoe before his meeting with the principals.
  - b) Truancy
    - (1) Comment from Katherine Freeman:
    - (2) The MTSS team is focusing on attendance/engagement next year. During a data dive at the last meeting, we looked at chronic absence rates (students missing 10% or more of school). 35% of elementary, 45% of middle, and 60% of high school students are chronically absent.
  - c) Parent Participation
  - d) Priority Spending
    - (1) UIP
    - (2) SP
    - (3) Comment From Katherine Freeman:
    - (4) I think personnel is a great focus, but in addition to salary raises, I'd like to see some focus on childcare options. The 7% raise is very appreciated, but the preschool toddler tuition has gone up 12.5%, and there is no longer infant care available. It is becoming increasingly difficult for younger staff with families to work in this district.
    - (5) Reece reported that housing should be added to that as well.
    - (6) Reece discussed how the school may be able to improve the track and field.
      - (a) He is concerned the parents and community may see that the school is placing the track and field above improving facilities.
      - (b) The track and field improvements will look better for applying to the best grant
      - (c) This would give an improved play space and all students.
      - (d) The scoreboard has been purchased and will be installed this summer.
      - (e) There is a contract with Goff Engineering to work on the drainage for the track and field.
      - (f) The ability to post ads on the scoreboard will be handed over to the scoreboard.

(7) Cara Gildar asked where the BEST grant fits into next year.

(a) Reece reports that the district is going to reapply.

(8) Kim had a comment about keeping in mind the students that are higher achieving need assistance and guidance. Reece replied that there is a new academic guidance counselor that is still learning. He agrees there needs to be more communication with parents.

(9) Cara commented on the need to get communication to parents.

(10) Deanna mentioned that there are local scholarships that have no one applying to them.

D. November:

1. Important time
2. Passing the Bond Initiative
3. 4 of the 5 board members will be up for re-election

E. Thanks

1. We are looking forward to a great 2023-2024 school year, and appreciate the work you do to support our continued growth!

**II. Exit Survey:**

- A. No recent responses since 2/2023

**III. Family, School, and Community Partnerships:**

- A. MTSS
- B. Discussion and have on agenda for next meeting in June.

**IV. Future Business:**

- A. Family School and Community Partnership.
- B. Communication Roadmap - to Reece
- C. Next school year's agenda

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M. DAC's next regular meeting is planned for Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. and will be held at the district office and on Google Meet.

Submitted by,  
Staci Cost, DAC Chair