



District Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2025 **Time:** 5:15 p.m. **Location:** District School Board Meeting Room, 100 N. 6th St. Dolores/Google Hangouts

Attendance: Ginny Johnson, Trish Huston, Staci Cost, Mary Weiss, Molly Cooper, Lucas Werner

- I. **Introductions** - The meeting kicked off with introductions. All individuals present are returning DAC members.
- II. **DAC Monthly Meeting Process** - We discussed meeting norms such as starting and ending on time; participation and making sure every individual voice and perspective is heard; being respectful. Ginny suggested that the committee make one meeting each quarter an in-person only meeting/ mandatory in-person meeting.
- III. **DAC Responsibilities** - The updated DAC Handbook published by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is on the DAC webpage. All committee members were encouraged to review the handbook. Other resources from the CDE were also reviewed.
- IV. **DAC Timeline**- We have currently scheduled a review of the 2025/2026 budget with Finance Director Melissa Thomas in October, an end of year review with Superintendent Alesa Reed in May, and a presentation to the school board in June. In addition, the first S-CAP survey will open on October 1, 2025 and will be open for 30 days. The second S-CAP survey will open on February 10, 2025 and will also be open for 30 days. We should receive survey results in November/December and April/May. We will review the survey responses in January and May. Unless required, we will not meet in November, December, or February. Trish brought a printed copy of the flyer she created. The DAC intends to use the flyer at school events to help educate parents and community members about the DAC, and we will email the flyer to parents a couple of times a year. The committee has also asked for space in the district newsletter to include information about what the DAC discusses at meetings in hopes of engaging and educating parents and other community members.
- V. **Assessment Tools** - The DAC has not been asked to provide any input to assessment tools other than the S-CAP survey, but will remain flexible to

respond to any requests.

VI. Board Charge Recommendations

A. S-CAP Survey

1. Encourage family participation in the process by communicating and educating at athletic events, parent teacher conferences, and other school events.
2. Interpret results of family surveys
3. Make recommendations as appropriate

B. Family Engagement

1. How can the DAC work with district leadership to build relationships with parents
2. Identify potential methods of engagement

The committee discussed family engagement efforts, brainstorming a couple of ways to collect feedback from parents including a suggestion/comment space on the website that is easily accessible and usable and a physical comment box on campus. Ginny will reach out to Superintendent Reed to discuss these possibilities.

C. Exit Surveys

1. Review exit survey responses and escalate to administration as warranted

VII. Report to School Board: The committee was reminded that DAC meeting minutes are shared with school board members and are also posted publicly on the DAC webpage.

VIII. Budget Recommendations: this line item will be a standing item on the agenda every month to ensure that all members have opportunity to identify potential budget recommendations, and to capture any items discussed in the meeting that may have a budget impact. Ideas for suggestions/recommendations to the budget brainstormed at the meeting were noise-cancelling headphones for students to use for critical testing that may be negatively impacted due to construction noise; funding programs that were funded by ESSER such as Friday activities and after-school tutoring that were reduced due to lack of funding. The potential negative impacts of construction were discussed, specifically with a focus on critical testing. Superintendent Reed has shared the school's assessment calendar with the construction contractor in order to limit noise during testing weeks. Testing space was discussed. In the past, students have used the gym for test-taking. With the construction and flow of traffic in and out of the main gym doors, this space may be too distracting for students.

Discussion around ALMA and how information is disseminated to parents.

- A. What percentage of parents are signed up for ALMA

- B. Are email notifications sent to all parents, or only those parents who have opted in?
1. If parents have to opt in - what education efforts are made to encourage ALMA use?
 2. If a small percentage of parents are receiving email notifications through ALMA what other communication avenues are utilized?
 3. Is the S-CAP survey user specific? Is there any verification of user responses?

IX. Future Business – family engagement, DAC membership, board charge, S-CAP surveys.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M. DAC's next regular meeting is planned for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 5:15 P.M. and will be held at the district office and on Google Meet.

Submitted by,
Ginny Johnson, DAC Chair