



District Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2025 **Time:** 5:15 p.m. **Location:** Google Hangouts

Attendance: Ginny Johnson, Trish Huston, Molly Cooper, Rebecca Busic, Lucas Werner, Mary Weiss. Guests: Finance Director Melissa Thomas and Superintendent Alesa Reed

- I. **DAC Monthly Meeting Process -**
- II. **Review of Previous Meeting -**
- III. **2025/2026 Financial Update-**Finance Director Melissa Thomas presented an overview of the 2025/2026 calendar year budget and budget process, including grants received, budget calendar, and expenditures. The presentation is attached to these minutes.
- IV. **SCAP Survey -** The committee discussed the lackluster responses to the survey according to preliminary information. Discussion centered around how to improve family engagement. The committee discussed hosting family events/forums at the Dolores Public Library in order to promote ongoing dialogue and open-ness with the community, including advertising and promotion using community calendars and other resources. Other ideas discussed included partnership with 4-H, the Kiwanis Club, and other extracurricular / after-school activities. It was mentioned that the Mancos school district has a robust program. Recruitment/advertising for new students to increase enrollment using resources such as the Cortez Journal and radio. The committee also suggested broadly sharing information about successful programs such as the CTE program and the Lego Robotics program.
- V. **Budget Recommendations:** The committee discussed budget priorities and is recommending a continued focus on recruitment and retention of certified teachers.
- VI. **Future Business –** There will not be a meeting in December. We will share SCAP survey results as soon as they are available so that members can be prepared to discuss at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6 P.M. DAC's next regular meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 5:15 P.M.

Submitted by,
Ginny Johnson, DAC Chair