

## **District School Improvement and Accountability Council**

### **Minutes from April 29, 2014**

Kristen Tourangeau and Roger Kilgore, Co-Chairpersons  
Jesse Sutherland, Vice Chairperson, and Dorolyn Griebenaw, Secretary

**Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes:** Roger Kilgore called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from March 25, 2014, were considered. Approval of the minutes was moved and seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Board of Education Update** - - Board President, Happy Haynes, was present. She said that revising the Denver Plan was the number 1 focus of the Board lately. Her comments on the revised Plan included:

- Seeking to make the Plan briefer.
- Seeking to make the Plan more focused including fewer goals and fewer strategies.
- Hope to have a draft by the end of May and the final by June.
- The Plan update has been Board led rather than Superintendent led.
- Draft plan is available on the website at <http://denverplan.dpsk12.org/>.

President Haynes noted that comments are welcome on the draft plan.

**Approval of the SIAC UIP report:** Roger Kilgore introduced the 2014 UIP report prepared by the UIP subcommittee. He noted that much of the UIP prepared by the District is identical to the UIP the District submitted last year. The reason cited by staff for this is the ongoing update of the Denver Plan. Roger expressed that it seemed unlikely that a high level strategic document like the Denver Plan would address specific needs of the UIP.

Because the UIP prepared by the District was essentially the same as the previous year, the proposed SIAC report is also nearly identical. The issues identified last year still exist. In addition, the report notes that waiting on the Denver Plan did not seem to be a valid reason for postponing serious attention to the UIP.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the SIAC UIP report prepared by the committee with a specific note that the District UIP is largely the same as last year. The motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Budget and Finance - - Lynn Otto reported that she, Sherry Eastlund, and Ed Shackelford presented SIAC report and recommendations to the Board on April 21, 2014. Lynn characterized the Board as attentive and interested in dialogue. Roger thanked Lynn and the budget and finance committee for their good work.
- UIP (Unified Improvement Plan) - - There was no other activity to report beyond the approval of the UIP committee report approved earlier in the meeting.
- Charter School Applications - - Sherry Eastlund reported that the Charter School Committee has met several times and has interviews scheduled. There are a record total of 14 applications and this does not include the district run applications.

**Conflicts of Interest:** This topic was carried over from the previous meeting. There were no proposals to look into this further at this time.

## **District School Improvement and Accountability Council Minutes from April 29, 2014 - - Page 2**

### **Miscellaneous - - Announcements and Comments:**

- It was announced that active SIAC member, Val Flores, is a candidate to represent Congressional District 1 on the State Board of Education.

**Next Meeting:** The next District SIAC meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

rk