

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

### **Minutes from January 28, 2014**

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

**Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes:** Kristen Tourangeau called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and introduced Anne Rowe, Vice President of the Board of Education. District SIAC members introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from January 7, 2014, were read. Roger Armstrong moved for approval and Lynn Otto seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**DPS Board of Education:** Anne Rowe provided an update on the Board activities. A two-day retreat was held in January with the seven Board of Education members and ten to fifteen of the DPS senior staff. The Board is looking at Board governance and revising the Denver Plan. The Denver Plan was written in 2005 and revised in 2010. They hope to have the revision of the Denver Plan done by June of 2014. Anne Rowe shared a questionnaire with District SIAC members titled, "Denver Plan 2014 Core Beliefs." District SIAC members completed the questionnaire and discussion followed on the focus of the District as well as how District SIAC can work with the Board of Education on items such as the UIP and the budget. Anne Rowe shared that currently there are 21 goals in the Denver Plan and they would like to narrow that to three to five goals. The Board is working with Kathy Minberg of the Center for Reform of School Systems. Kristen Tourangeau and members of District SIAC thanked Anne Rowe for spending time with the Council and for obtaining input from the Council on the "Denver Plan 2014 Core Beliefs."

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Budget and Finance - - Lynn Otto shared that on January 16, 2014, there was a presentation to the committee on long-term obligations, PCOPS (Pension Certificates of Participation), and general obligations. The Board of Education Work Session on January 13 covered the State of the District. Lynn Otto reported that she is still working on obtaining the final CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report). The Committee will meet on January 30, February 12, and with the District on February 27. Lynn Otto said she wrote a letter to Anne Rowe asking that District SIAC be involved on general fund spending. She received a response from Mike Johnson and will discuss the request with Happy Haynes and David Hart.
- UIP (Unified Improvement Plan) - - Kristen Tourangeau reported that Brandi Chin of the Department of Assessment, Research and Evaluation was invited to the District SIAC meeting, but she will not have information until February. The District SIAC members who have volunteered to serve on the committee are Loralie Cole, Sherry Eastlund, Val Flores, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Roger Kilgore, Ray McAllister, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau.
- Charter School Renewals - - Kristen Tourangeau shared that the District has sent out the Call for Quality Schools.

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**New Business:**

- Discussion of Committee Work - - Members discussed the work of the District SIAC Committees. It was suggested that recommendations to the Board of Education be made at the BOE meetings. Meg Schomp volunteered that she will be appointed as co-chair of the Education Committee of INC (Inter Neighborhood Cooperation) and can present reports from District SIAC.

**Miscellaneous - - Announcements and Comments:**

- Ed News is now Chalkbeat Colorado
- District SIAC should connect with the Education Committee within the Legislature.
- Kristen Tourangeau and Roger Kilgore will put together a plan to obtain broader publicity for the work of District SIAC.

**Next Meeting:** The next District SIAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.