

District School Improvement and Accountability Council
Minutes from January 29, 2013

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

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes: Roger Kilgore called the meeting to order and introductions were made. The minutes from January 8, 2013, were read. Roger Armstrong moved for approval and Jesse Sutherland seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Board of Education Update: Mary Seawell, President of the Board of Education, attended the meeting. She covered areas the Board of Education will be addressing.

- Board of Education Representation at District SIAC Meetings - - Mary Seawell shared that District SIAC could have a permanent representative from the Board or could also have a rotation of Board members. She will do some work in that area.
- Vacancy on the Board of Education - - The requirements for filling the seat vacated by Nat Easley provide that the seat be filled within a sixty day period from the date of resignation. The Board of Education will appoint someone to fill the seat from May to November. There are 21 applications that will be narrowed to 9 on February 4. Interviews will be held on February 7. The seat represents District 4 which is the largest district, the most diverse district, and the one with the most schools. It is the hope of the Board that the individual can start in February but it might be in March.
- Modified Consent Decree - - The Congress of Hispanic Educators (CHE), the United States, and the Denver Public Schools recently negotiated a revised plan for addressing the educational needs of students whose language is other than English. They came before Judge Matsch in November and he said he wanted to hear from the DPS Board of Education. The Board attended the hearing last week where the Judge questioned Mary Seawell and the Board members who had submitted a letter to the Judge. The Judge then sent the Modified Consent Decree back to the Board of Education. The next hearing on the Modified Consent Decree is scheduled for April 15.

Roger Kilgore thanked Mary Seawell for attending the District SIAC meeting and sharing information with the membership.

Discussion Regarding the Modified Consent Decree: Rita Montero shared that she, Laura Lefkowitz, and Sharon Macdonald were involved in the previous Consent Decree and recently submitted a brief to Judge Matsch. Discussion followed about how the decree is monitored. Rita Montero shared that Ernie House was the monitor until 2005. The new decree states that two-year teachers are adequate. Council members expressed strong feelings that qualified teachers need to be in the classrooms. Rita Montero moved that District SIAC form an ad hoc committee to address the consent decree. Kristen Tourangeau seconded the motion and it was approved. Rita Montero will convene the ad hoc committee.

Report of the Chairs: Roger Kilgore reported that he, Kristen Tourangeau, and Sherry Eastlund met with the Panasonic Foundation. The Foundation representatives were good listeners. They will be providing the Board of Education with a report following their interviews.

Budget & Finance Committee: Roger Kilgore said the next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday, February 19. He will send an email to remind members. The current membership is Roger Armstrong, Sherry Eastlund, Val Flores, Roger Kilgore, Lynn Otto, Jacqui Shumway, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau.

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Charter School Committee: Roger Kilgore reported that the District SIAC committee meeting for charter schools is tentatively set for March 5. The current committee membership is Sherry Eastlund, Val Flores, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Mike Johnson, Roger Kilgore, Rita Montero, Paula Ortlieb, Jacqui Shumway, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau.

Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Committee: Roger Kilgore reported that the UIP Committee has met and the next meeting will be February 5. The current subcommittee membership is Loralie Cole, Cindy Daisley, Sherry Eastlund, Val Flores, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Roger Kilgore, Marie Meyer, Rita Montero, Ed Shackelford, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau.

Ad hoc Committee on District SIAC Bylaws Report: Dorolyn Griebenaw reported that she and Loralie Cole have completed a draft copy and it has been forwarded to the District SIAC Executive Committee.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Comments:

- Mary Armstrong provided information on the League of Women Voters. Representatives have been attending the DPS Board of Education meetings and information is being distributed to their membership. It was noted that District SIAC has had a representative from the League of Women Voters in the past. Roger Kilgore will send information to Council members.
- A Continuing Legal Council Seminar will be held at the University of Denver this weekend.

Next Meeting: The next District SIAC meeting will be Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building. Representatives from the Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) will be present.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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