

District School Improvement and Accountability Council
Minutes from January 31, 2012

Sherry Eastlund, Co-Chairperson, Rita Montero, Co-Chairperson,
Paula Ortlieb, Co-Chairperson, Jesse Sutherland, Vice Chairperson,
Dorolyn Griebenaw, Secretary

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes: Rita Montero called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and introductions were made.

Board of Education Report: Andrea Merida was unable to attend.

District Unified Improvement Plan: Sherry Eastlund introduced Connie Casson, Executive Director of Accountability, Research and Evaluation. Connie Casson provided copies of the Denver Public Schools UIP. She explained that the formal submission of the plan for the District goes to the Colorado Department of Education in April. She covered the various sections of the plan and answered questions from Council members. The plan includes summary information about the District, improvement plan information, a narrative on data analysis and root cause identification, action plans, and an appendices. The data narrative covers four strategies from the Denver Plan for the 2011-2012 year. Connie Casson shared that CSAP has been replaced by TCAP (Transitional Colorado Assessment Program) and students will be taking the TCAP this spring. Connie Casson explained LEAP (Leader Effective Academic Practice) and that there are 80 teachers in a peer-observing group. Parents and students complete satisfaction surveys. Student perception is ten percent of a teacher evaluation. The superintendent is evaluated by the Board of Education. Sherry Eastlund thanked Connie Casson for attending the meeting and sharing information with the Council.

Personal Financial Education in DPS Schools: Paula Ortlieb introduced visitor Gary Jaeckel who had requested a few minutes of the Council's time to discuss his concerns regarding the lack of economics education in DPS. He noted that between 1998 and this year, it appears that DPS has limited instruction in economics. He requested time on next month's agenda to present his concerns. Gary Jaeckel will work with Paula Ortlieb to schedule time next month.

Distribution of District SIAC Notebooks: Rita Montero distributed the notebooks to Council members.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from January 10, 2012, were read. Jesse Sutherland moved for approval and Kristen Tourangeau seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

DPS Budget: Council members were reminded that on February 2 the budget plan for the 2012-2013 year will be presented at the Board of Education Work Session. The Audit and Finance Committee of the BOE will meet on February 6.

UIP Subcommittee: Sherry Eastlund invited members to join the UIP subcommittee and the following members joined: Earleen Brown, Val Flores, Mary Franza, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Yamile Reina-Ayadi, Jacqui Shumway, and Jesse Sutherland. The meeting of the subcommittee was set for Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

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

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