

District School Improvement and Accountability Council Minutes from January 7, 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. District SIAC members introduced themselves. Kristen Tourangeau shared that Arturo Jimenez was invited to attend tonight's meeting as the Board of Education representative. She will invite Happy Haynes to attend the January 28 meeting of District SIAC.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from November 19, 2013, were read. Jesse Sutherland moved for approval and Ed Shackelford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Budget and Finance - - Lynn Otto shared that on December 12, 2013, the committee had a presentation on charter schools by DPS and learned that charters are funded the same way as traditional schools. On January 16, 2014, there will be a presentation to the committee on long-term obligations, PCOPS (pension certificates of participation), and general obligations. Lynn Otto reported that she has requested copies of the CAF Report (comprehensive annual financial report) but probably will not receive them until early February. The Committee will have a follow-up meeting with David Hart's group on February 27, 2014. Lynn Otto added that Anne Rowe has been talking about having the District SIAC Budget and Finance Committee meet occasionally with the Board of Education. Lynn Otto will send a letter about such a meeting to Anne Rowe with a copy to Happy Haynes, Mike Johnson, Kristen Tourangeau, and Roger Kilgore.
- UIP (Unified Improvement Plan) - - Kristen Tourangeau reported that she wrote to Brandi Chin of the department of assessment, research, and evaluation about the dates listed in the CDE document but did not get a response. She has now sent an email to Grant Guyer, the executive director of the department. 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 the results of the BOE vote regarding the renewals. OSRI (Office of School Reform and Innovation) gave each school a two-year renewal plus an extension so in every case the school received five years. District SIAC gave each school a three-year renewal. Escuela Tlatelolco was the exception. OSRI gave that school a one-year extension while District SIAC recommended closure. SOAR withdrew their application for renewal, but the District SIAC evaluation remained in the District SIAC report.

New Business:

- New District SIAC Member - - Kristen Tourangeau introduced Karl Luce who applied to be a member of District SIAC. He has been sitting in on the meetings of the budget and finance committee. His membership was unanimously approved.

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Old Business:

- Calendar Committee - - Ray McAllister and Meg Schomp served on the DPS Calendar Committee. Ray McAllister reported that there were two meetings, which were held at the Department of Technology. Ray McAllister reported that the first day of school will be August 21, 2014, and the last day of school will be June 6, 2015. The entire week of Thanksgiving will be a holiday break. The first semester will end on December 19, 2014. Meg Schomp will send the calendar for next year to District SIAC members. Meg Schomp and Ray McAllister volunteered to serve on the calendar committee next year.
- Requested Material from BOE - - Kristen Tourangeau reported that she has received a copy of the English language information on a CD which she will give to Rita Montero for review. Kristen Tourangeau will ask for a copy of the monitor's report. She will resend to District SIAC members copies of the materials she received which were listed in the minutes from November. There was discussion about speaking to the Board of Education about receiving materials. Don Griebenaw moved that the topic be tabled until the January 28 meeting and Sherry Eastlund seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Committee Assignments - - Sherry Eastlund asked for volunteers for the Charter School Committee. The following members volunteered: Don Griebenaw, Roger Kilgore, Karl Luce, Meg Schomp, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Comments:

- Ed Shackelford shared copies of an article on the shift in the American workforce.
- Roger Kilgore thanked everyone for their support and wished them a Happy New Year.
- It was noted that there is a "For Sale" sign on the current DPS Administration Building.

Next Meeting: The next District SIAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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