

District School Improvement and Accountability Council
Minutes from January 8, 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 November 27, 2012, were read. Jesse Sutherland moved for approval and Kristen Tourangeau seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Board of Education Update: Anne Rowe, treasurer on the Board of Education, attended the meeting. As treasurer she chairs the Finance and Audit Committee of the BOE. She shared that she is trying to expand the Finance and Audit Committee and is working with David Hart, DPS Chief Financial Officer.

- Budget - - She shared information on the development of the proposed DPS budget and noted that the Board vote will be at the May meeting of the Board of Education. There was concern expressed by District SIAC members that significant decisions are being made regarding the bond money yet the naming of members of the Bond and Mill Levy Oversight Committee has not happened.
- Panasonic Foundation - - Information was provided about the Panasonic Foundation. Anne Rowe said that she and Jeannie Kaplan were charged with finding a group to serve as facilitators for the Board of Education. During phase one, the Panasonic Foundation will be in Denver from January 21 through January 24 to meet with the Board of Education, the Superintendent, the Denver Classroom Teachers, as well as others. There will be a report by mid February. She added that the Board was able to raise the money for the Panasonic Foundation primarily through foundations.
- Redistricting for BOE Seats - - Information about redistricting of the Board of Education was shared. The Board will hold beginning discussions at the BOE work session on Monday, January 14.

Roger Kilgore thanked Anne Rowe for attending the District SICA meeting and sharing information with the membership. Anne Rowe encouraged the Council members to contact her and provided her email address, anne_rowe@dpsk12.org

Report of the Chairs: Roger Kilgore reported that he and Kristen Tourangeau will be in conversation with Mary Seawell regarding having a member of the Board of Education attend the District SIAC monthly meetings. He added that the Council concerns expressed at the last meeting regarding a BOE vote before a public hearing were communicated to the BOE, and Mary Seawell said that that the Board would not vote until after the public hearing. He and Kristen have received some emails and phone messages with concerns about bullying and school security.

Budget & Finance Committee Formation: Roger Kilgore shared that the BOE had a high-level budget presentation at the work session on January 14. The District SIAC subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, February 19. The current membership is Sherry Eastlund, Val Flores, Roger Kilgore, Lynn Otto, Jacqui Shumway, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau.

Charter School Committee: Roger Kilgore reported that the call for new quality schools has been issued. The District SIAC subcommittee meeting for charter schools is tentatively set for March 5. Roger Kilgore will obtain hard copies for the subcommittee. The DPS call is for performance, innovation and charter schools. District SIAC members noted that the entire process of closing schools needs to be examined. The current subcommittee membership is Sherry Eastlund, Val Flores, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Mike Johnson, Roger Kilgore, Rita Montero, Paula Ortlieb, Jacqui Shumway, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau.

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Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Committee: Roger Kilgore reported that a draft of the District UIP was submitted to the Board of Education at the work session on December 17. The District SIAC UIP Committee will meet on January 22. 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 a draft copy has been forwarded to the District SIAC Executive Committee.

Modified Consent Decree: Roger Kilgore reported that Rita Montero has been following the work on the 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. The next hearing before Judge Richard Matsch is scheduled for January 25.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Comments: It was suggested that representatives of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association be invited to a District SIAC meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 29, 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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