

**District School Improvement and Accountability Council**  
**Minutes from October 25, 2011**

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:** Sherry Eastlund called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Jacqui Shumway moved for approval of the September 17, 2011, minutes and Paula Ortlieb seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Board of Education Report:** Andrea Merida attended the meeting and shared that the upcoming Board of Education election is freezing some issues and accelerating other issues. The locations of several schools were discussed as well as the proposal that C-3 (Creative Challenge Community School) be co-located at Merrill Middle School. She touched on the Differentiated Diploma Program being used by the Sheridan School District. She noted that the southwest area would be a good location for a vocational school magnet to provide training in trades and offer the opportunity to some students to earn a GED. Sherry Eastlund thanked Andrea Merida for attending and sharing information with the Council.

**CSC Summit and District SIAC Recruiting:** Loralie Cole, Val Flores, and Jacqui Shumway, attended the CSC Summit and recruited for members to District SIAC. Approximately 250 people attended the summit. Membership forms and the District SIAC new member letter were distributed at the training.

**Charter School Applications Fall Cycle:** Sherry Eastlund presented the report from the subcommittee on the three charter school applications. The subcommittee recommended denial for the Four Winds Indigenous Charter School. They recommended denial for the Monarch Montessori of Denver application unless the school meets certain conditions. The subcommittee recommended approval for a three-year charter for Sims Fayola International Academy with the condition that the school apply immediately to become an official IB program. Dorolyn Griebenaw moved that the report be sent to District SIAC members for approval with a deadline of October 27 for a response. No response will indicate approval of the report to go to the Board of Education. Paula Ortlieb seconded the motion, and it was approved with one abstention. The District SIAC recommendations will go to the Board of Education on November 3. The public comment is scheduled for November 7, and the Board of Education vote will be on November 17.

**Charter School Renewals Fall Cycle:** Sherry Eastlund distributed the draft report on the nine schools, listed below with the subcommittee recommendation, that are seeking renewal of their charters.

- Cesar Chavez Academy Denver - - Renew Charter for a Two-Year Term
- Colorado High School - - Renew Charter for a One-Year Term
- Highline Academy - - Renew Charter for a Three-Year Term
- Justice High School - - Renew Charter for a One-Year Term
- KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy - - Renew Charter for a Three-Year Term
- KIPP Denver Collegiate High School - - Renew Charter for a Three-Year Term
- Life Skills Center of Denver Public Schools - - Renew Charter for a One-Year Term
- Venture Prep (Denver Venture and Envision merged to form Venture Prep) - - Renew Charter for a One-Year Term
- West Denver Prep Charter Harvey Park - - Renew Charter for a Three-Year Term

Contract School:

- Escuela Tlatdelolco - - Non Renewal of Contract

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**Charter School Renewals Fall Cycle Continued:** Mary Franza moved that the report be sent to District SIAC members for approval with a deadline of October 27 for a response. No response will indicate approval of the report to go to the Board of Education. Paula Ortlieb seconded the motion, and it was approved. The District SIAC recommendations go to the Board of Education on November 3. The public comment session before the Board of Education is scheduled for November 7. The Board of Education will vote on November 17. Council members thanked Sherry Eastlund for her work on the Charter applications and renewals.

**Unified Improvement Plans Update:** Brandi VanHorn from the Department of Accountability, Research, and Evaluation is working with the District SIAC executive committee on the Unified Improvement Plans. Sherry Eastlund shared that the Council needs to form a subcommittee to look at the District Plan which will be submitted for this year. Paula Ortlieb will send an email to members regarding the subcommittee. Sherry Eastlund added that the School Performance Framework (SPF) information is now available on the DPS web site.

**Budget Review Update:** The executive committee is working with David Hart, Chief Financial Officer regarding a timeframe for input into the budget process. David Hart will be providing a new timeline to the Council.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

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

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