

District School Improvement and Accountability Council
Minutes from October 30, 2012

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. He welcomed guests, Lynn Otto and Roger Armstrong.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from September 25, 2012, were read. Paula Ortlieb moved for approval and Ed Shackelford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

School Performance Framework by Grant Guyer, Director of Research and Evaluation: Roger Kilgore introduced Grant Guyer. Grant Guyer distributed information on the 2012 Traditional School Performance Framework and walked the Council through the document. Areas that were reviewed in the presentation were the components of elementary, middle, and high school SPFs. He reviewed how indicator weights can differ by school and how growth is measured. He explained the differences between the DPS school performance framework and the State school performance framework. If one has questions on the school performance framework, information is available at spf@dpsk12.org Roger Kilgore thanked Grant Guyer for his presentation to District SIAC.

Board of Education Report: Jeannie Kaplan shared information with the Council that the Board will be facing redistricting. She also shared that if the Bond/Mill Levy Passes, there will be an oversight committee which will consist of Board of Education and Superintendent appointees. She suggest Council members let the District SIAC chair people know if they have interest in serving. There were concerns expressed about co-location in schools. Jeannie Kaplan noted that Evie Dennis, Gilpin, and Cole are co-locations that are working. Concern was also expressed about equity and the Choice Process. It was noted that the neighborhood schools are important to the city and that DPS now has 40 charter schools which have taken the limelight off of the neighborhood schools. Roger Kilgore thanked her for spending time with District Council and sharing information.

Charter School Renewal/New Schools Committee Report and Vote: Paula Ortlieb presented the Renewal Recommendation Summary which will be presented to the Board of Education at the work session on November 8. The recommendations of the committee are listed below:

Cesar Chavez Academy	*Renew for One-Year Term
Denver Language School	Renew for Two-Year Term
DSST -- GVR Middle School	Renew for Two-Year Term
DSST -- GVR High School	Renew for Two-Year Term
DSST -- Stapleton Middle School	Renew for Three-Year Term
DSST – Stapleton High School	Renew for Three-Year Term
GALS	Renew for Two-Year Term
Northeast Academy	Non-renewal
SOAR Green Valley Ranch	Renew for Two-Year Term
Southwest Early College	*Renew for One-Year Term
STRIVE Prep Highland	Renew for Two-Year Term
STRIVE Prep Lake	Renew for Two-Year Term
Academy of Urban Learning	Renew for One-Year Term
ACE Community Challenge School	Renew for One-Year Term
Colorado High School Charter	*Renew for One-Year Term

*Recommendation of the committee that this is the last year for renewal unless improvement is demonstrated.

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Charter School Renewal/New Schools Committee Report and Vote Continued: Paula Ortlieb presented the motion from the committee to adopt the recommendations and submit them to the Board of Education. The motion carried.

Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Standing Committee: Roger Kilgore reported that the UIP Committee has met once and tentatively set a meeting for November 8. Discussion followed regarding the Board of Education Work Session on November 8. Roger Kilgore will contact the committee members to set an alternative date.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee, Chuck Crowley, Sherry Eastlund, and Paula Ortlieb, will do a report next month and elections will be held for the executive committee. Current officers are Kristen Tourangeau and Roger Kilgore as co-chairpersons, Jesse Sutherland as Vice Chairperson, and Dorolyn Griebenaw as Secretary.

Ad hoc Committee on District SIAC Bylaws: Dorolyn Griebenaw and Loralie Cole reported that they have not yet completed the task.

Miscellaneous - - Announcements and Comments:

- There is a court proceeding scheduled for November 16 regarding the proposed Modified Consent Decree. Information regarding the status of the proposed Modified Consent Decree is on the DPS website. The Congress of Hispanic Educators (“CHE”), the United States, and the Denver Public Schools (“DPS”) recently negotiated a revised plan for addressing the educational needs of students whose language is other than English (“English Language Learners” or “ELLs”) and have submitted it to the U.S. District Court for approval. The revised plan, if approved by the Court, would replace the plan currently in place which was approved in 1999 by the U.S. District Court in the case of Congress of Hispanic Educators vs. Denver Public Schools.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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