

**District School Improvement and Accountability Council
Minutes from November 29, 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: Rita Montero called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and introductions were made.

Board of Education Report: Jeannie Kaplan attended the meeting and shared information on co-location of schools in the District and the co-location proposal to place C-3 (Creative Challenge Community School) at Merrill Middle School. Council members had questions about the cost of opening Rosedale, the dollars necessary to put C-3 at Merrill, an exit plan for C-3 from Merrill if the enrollment increases, and the problems that occurred at Kunsmiller when co-location started. Council members also expressed concern about mid-year principal changes as well as the how the District’s new enrollment procedures will work. Rita Montero thanked Jeannie Kaplan for attending and sharing information with the Council.

Charter Schools Report: Jesse Sutherland presented a summary of the District SIAC Recommendations to the Board of Education on November 3 at 9:50 p.m. following the District staff recommendations on the charters as well as recommendations on some boundary changes. It was noted in the presentation that the District hired outside personnel to review the charter applications. The applications received for Charter Schools in the fall cycle were:

	<u>BOE Vote</u>	<u>DSIAC Recommendation</u>
• Four Winds Indigenous Charter School	Denied	Deny
• Monarch Montessori	Denied	Deny
• Sims Fayola	Approved	Approve

The applications received for renewals are listed below:

• Cesar Chavez Academy Denver	Approved One Year	Renew Two Years
• Colorado High School	Approved One Year	Renew One Year
• Highline Academy	Approved Five Years	Renew Three Years
• Justice High School	Approved One Year	Renew One Year
• KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy	Approved Five Years	Renew Three Years
• KIPP Denver Collegiate High School	Approved Two Years	Renew Three Years
• Life Skills Center of DPS	Close	Renew One Year
• Venture Prep (Denver Venture & Envision merged to form Venture Prep)	Approved One Year	Renew One Year
• West Denver Prep Charter Harvey Park	Approved Five Years	Renew Three Years

Contract School:

- Escuela Tlatdelolco - - District SIAC recommended non-renewal of the contract. The Board of Education will make a decision in December.

District Unified Improvement Plan Update: Paula Ortlieb explained that in the past the Council had been charged with reviewing the individual school improvement plans. This year the Council will review the District’s Unified Improvement Plan. Brandi VanHorn from the Department of Accountability, Research, and Evaluation is working with the District SIAC executive committee on the Unified Improvement Plans. Paula said she will send an email to members regarding the formation of the subcommittee. The School Performance Framework (SPF) information is now available on the DPS web site.

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Budget Review Update: Rita Montero reported that the executive committee has been working with David Hart, Chief Financial Officer, regarding a timeframe for District SIAC's input into the budget process. There has been some modification in the original proposed dates, and the Council will have a budget presentation in January.

Call for Quality Schools: Paula Ortlieb shared that planning information will be available at the end of January.

History of District SIAC: Rita Montero provided some background on District SIAC for new members. She touched on the value of the Council to members as well as the value to the Board of Education. New members will be provided a Council notebook in January that will include such items as the bylaws and the Colorado Department of Education Accountability Handbook for 2011. A suggestion was made for a change in the bylaws to clarify voting by email. Dorolyn Griebenaw and Loralie Cole will work on the wording.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from October 25, 2011, were read. Jacqui Shumway moved for approval and Jesse Sutherland seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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