

## **District School Improvement and Accountability Council**

### **Minutes from February 26, 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 at 6:30 p.m. and introductions were made. The minutes from January 29, 2013, were read. Sherry Eastlund moved for approval as corrected and Paula Ortlieb seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**District SIAC Guest Speakers:** Roger Kilgore introduced the DCTA Executive Director Carolyn Crowder and Arturo Jimenez, member of the DPS Board of Education.

**Carolyn Crowder** - - Carolyn Crowder provided information regarding her educational background and her experience as the Executive Director of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association. She reviewed the activities and responsibilities of DCTA, distributed materials covering the vision, mission, and core values of DCTA, and shared the three goals of DELTA (Denver Educators Leading, Transforming, Achieving). She added that DCTA negotiates the teacher contract with DPS. Carolyn Crowder also provided information on the District Principal Effectiveness Design Team and the Teacher Effectiveness Design Team. She shared that DCTA/DPS are evaluating the innovation schools and noted that the teacher turnover is tremendous in those schools.

**Arturo Jimenez** - - Arturo Jimenez provided some background on the Modified Consent Decree and shared that Judge Matsch has expressed some concerns. The Congress of Hispanic Educators (CHE), the United States, and the Denver Public Schools will again go before Judge Matsch on April 15. Arturo Jimenez shared that he would like to see the judge appoint a truly independent monitor. He noted that the Board of Education is committed to working with the bilingual programs. The new Modified Consent Decree closes some of the loopholes for opting out of the program. Students will go through assessment and spend 15 days before being able to "opt out." Arturo Jimenez added that CHE signed off on the DPS plan for students to receive instruction by teachers in training. He stressed that there is a need for adequate teacher training for ELL students. The Parent Advisory Committees will continue to be required by the Modified Consent Decree.

Roger Kilgore thanked Carolyn Crowder and Arturo Jimenez for meeting with District SIAC and sharing information with the membership regarding DCTA activities and the Modified Consent Decree.

**Report of the Chairs:** Roger Kilgore reported that he and Kristen Tourangeau are working on updating the District SIAC membership list.

**Election of New Member:** Dorolyn Griebenaw moved that Meg Schomp be elected as a member of District SIAC. Sherry Eastlund seconded the motion. Meg Schomp was elected by acclamation.

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**Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Committee:** Roger Kilgore distributed a preliminary draft of the UIP report and shared information on the six recommendations. Don Griebenaw moved that the Council accept the broad recommendations and that when finalized the full report be sent to the Council membership. Kristen Tourangeau seconded the motion and it was approved. Roger Kilgore said that John Youngquist, Director of Principal Management, will meet with the UIP Committee on Monday, March 11, and Darlene LeDoux, Executive Director of Academic Achievement for English Learners, will meet with the UIP Committee on Wednesday, March 13.

**Budget & Finance Committee:** Roger Kilgore reported that the next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be Thursday, February 28. Lynn Otto shared that she has a hard copy of the 2012-2013 budget book.

**Charter School Committee:** Roger Kilgore reported that the District SIAC Charter Schools Committee meeting is tentatively set for March 5. The District has received fifteen letters of intent. Seven of the letters are for charters and eight are for performance schools.

**Consideration of Bylaws Revisions:** Dorolyn Griebenaw moved that District SIAC approve the bylaws. Roger Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried and the bylaws were approved as written.

**Miscellaneous Announcements and Comments:**

- Kristen Tourangeau reported that the Modified Consent Decree Subcommittee will give an update at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next District SIAC meeting will be one week early because of Spring Break. The meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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