

District School Improvement and Accountability Council

Minutes from March 19, 2013

Kristen Tourangeau, Co-Chairperson & Roger Kilgore, Co-Chairperson
Jesse Sutherland, Vice Chairperson, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Secretary

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes: Kristen Tourangeau called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and introductions were made. The minutes from February 26, 2013, were read. Jesse Sutherland moved for approval and Sherry Eastlund seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Announcements:

- Mary Armstrong said that John MacPherson, former administrator and interim executive director of the DPS Retirement System, would like to present information regarding DPS and retirements to District SIAC.
- Kristen Tourangeau announced that the new Board of Education member is Landri Taylor and that Happy Haynes plans to attend the District SIAC meeting on May 28.

Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Report: The report was reviewed by the Council. Val Flores moved for approval of the UIP Report and Sherry Eastlund seconded the motion. The report was approved for presentation to the Board of Education. Kristen Tourangeau reported that the UIP Report from District SIAC will be an item on the Board of Education Agenda for March 21. Kristen Tourangeau and Roger Kilgore will present the information as part of the Superintendent's Report.

Budget and Finance Committee Update: Lynn Otto distributed minutes from the committee meeting on March 14, 2013. She reported that she met with two members of David Hart's staff, and their desire and intention is to see that District SIAC has answers to the Council's budget questions. The next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is April 23. Lynn Otto will work out a meeting schedule for the Committee through June 2013. Members of the Council can send budget questions and ideas for the Budget and Finance Committee to Lynn Otto by April 5. There was a Council discussion regarding capital appropriations, the capital reserve fund that the State abolished, and how the money follows the student when schools are scheduled to be closed.

Charter Schools Committee: Kristen Tourangeau said that the next meeting of the Charter Schools Committee will be Monday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Modified Consent Decree Ad Hoc Committee: Kristen Tourangeau shared that the Board of Education must report to the Judge by March 29. There was discussion that the MCD goes back to the philosophy that children should be taught in their native language for six years and that the late exit allows for keeping the student in the program their entire school career. District SIAC members discussed numerous concerns. Kristen Tourangeau shared that the subcommittee is drafting a report from District SIAC to the Board of Education with a copy for Judge Matsch and that concerns discussed at the meeting will be incorporated in the report. The next meeting of the ad hoc committee will be on March 22 at 2 p.m. The final report will be sent to District SIAC members present at tonight's meeting for approval by email vote.

Next Meeting: The next District SIAC meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.