

District School Improvement and Accountability Council
Minutes from March 20, 2012

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 6:40 p.m. and introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from February 28, 2012, were read. Roger Kilgore moved for approval of the minutes and Mary Franza seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Board of Education Report: Board of Education member Jeannie Kaplan attended the meeting. Discussion items included:

- The overturning of the decision by DPS on two charter applications by the State Board of Education after the original DPS decision. Jeannie Kaplan shared that the DPS Board of Education approved those two charters at the last meeting.
- The far northeast meeting that was held the previous evening as well as the article in the Denver Post regarding the meeting.
- The Priority Watch status of DPS and what it means.
- HB1238 - - Literacy Bill
- A+ Committee Letter to the Board of Education and the drafting of a letter concerning the A+ letter from District SIAC to the Board of Education

New Charter Schools: Paula Ortlieb presented the timeline for Call for Quality Schools (Spring 2012) and reminded members the sign up for the subcommittee.

<u>January 19</u> - - Call for Quality Schools Available	<u>June 7</u> - - New School Presentation to BOE
<u>March 8 & 11</u> - - Pre-application Meetings	<u>June 14</u> - - Public Comment Session
<u>March 9</u> - - Letters of Intent Due	<u>June 18</u> - - Recommendation from the Superintendent to the BOE
<u>April 9</u> - - Complete Applications Due	
<u>May 7 thru 9</u> - - DPS Interviews	<u>June 21</u> - - Board of Education Vote

DPS Waives Out of the Fall Application Cycle: Paula Ortlieb reported that on February 8, 2012, the State Board of Education approved the request of Denver Public Schools to waive out of the statutorily-required fall application cycle. Applicants interested in opening a new school in DPS must submit an application in the spring.

District Unified Improvement Plan: The report for the Board of Education prepared by the subcommittee was presented to the Council. There was concern on the part of some members about the recommendation on the retention of students. After a lengthy discussion, there was a consensus decision to have members read the report and email a vote (yes, no, or abstain) with comments on the report to Dorolyn Griebenaw by Friday, March 23.

Budget Subcommittee: Members serving on the subcommittee are Mary Armstrong, Sherry Eastlund, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Mike Johnson, Rita Montero, Ed Shackelford, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

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