

**District School Improvement and Accountability Council**  
**Minutes from April 24, 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:** The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from March 20, 2012, were read and approved with the correction of the spelling of Roger Kilgore's name.

**Board of Education Report:** Board of Education member Andrea Merida attended the meeting. Discussion items included:

- Board of Education meetings.
- Bond and Mill Levy issues and which consultant company will see it through.
- Monarch Montessori that will be one private and one charter school.

**Replacement of Current District SIAC Co-Chairpersons:** Sherry Eastlund and Rita Montero asked to step down from their leadership role on District SIAC. A discussion of the issue ensued and it was suggested that a vacancy nominating committee be established to create a slate for nominating members for the leadership positions in November 2012. This was done after much discussion on the pros and cons of changing the bylaws. No change on bylaws was suggested but a vote in November must take place in deciding the leadership of District SIAC. Members interested in serving on the Vacancy/Nominating Committee were asked to volunteer. The Vacancy/Nominating Committee members are Loralie Cole, Sherry Eastlund, Val Flores, Mary Franza, Yamile Reina, Rita Montero, and Jesse Sutherland volunteered to serve on the committee.

**District SIAC Membership:** Sherry Eastlund and Yamile Reina will work on providing a comprehensive membership list to District SIAC members.

**New Charter Schools:** Sherry Eastlund reviewed the charter school applicants who submitted proposals: Academy 360, Highland Academy (replication), Richard Milburn Academy (replication), West Denver Prep (replication), and Downtown Denver Expeditionary. A discussion followed regarding the various types of schools that DPS oversees. It was noted that Performance Schools during the 2014 school year will be under District rule and not under State rule. It was suggested that someone from DPS administration be invited to attend District SIAC to discuss the various types of Innovation Schools at DPS has under its jurisdiction.

**Budget Subcommittee:** Jesse Sutherland presented the Budget Subcommittee Report and made some salient points and covered some of the concerns that the subcommittee grappled with in deciding and making recommendations. These included learning activity (day) that will involve 20 schools in DPS; the DPS plan to extend the day for the 20 schools but did not include any parents or teachers in the planning; and the ELA training for teachers that will cost \$400 per teacher.

**Announcements and Next Meeting:** Miscellaneous announcement were made. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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