

## **District School Improvement and Accountability Council Minutes from May 28, 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 6:35 p.m. She welcomed Happy Haynes, member of the DPS Board of Education, and visitors J.D. MacFarlane and Ryan Hunter. District SIAC members introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from April 30, 2013, were read. Sherry Eastlund moved for approval as corrected, and Roger Armstrong seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Happy Haynes, Member of the DPS Board of Education:** Happy Haynes thanked the Council for the invitation to attend. She shared that the Board of Education is working to update the Denver Plan. It is not a call to action for the community but an effort by the Board of Education to have clarity and elegant simplicity about where the District is at the present time. The BOE engaged a consultant to lead a retreat for the Board on strategic planning. This was held a couple of months ago and was a fruitful retreat. The Board will be doing work over the next few months that they outlined, and they will be working on a consensus basis. Kristen Tourangeau noted that District SIAC had asked the Board of Education about the report from the Panasonic Foundation but had not received it. Happy Haynes said the BOE received the Panasonic summary at the retreat and that she will follow up on the District SIAC request.

Additional topics were discussed which included the District Unified Improvement Plan (UIP), the Modified Consent Decree (MCD) and how it will work in DPS, the need for fully qualified teachers under the Modified Consent Decree, the appointing of an independent monitor for the MCD, and the English Language Acquisition focus of the BOE. Concern was expressed to Happy Haynes from District SIAC members about charter schools and the possibility of a charter district within DPS, the plan for traditional high schools in the District, what is being done for the parents of Smiley Middle School students, and the Board of Education elections in the fall. Kristen Tourangeau thanked Happy Haynes for spending the evening with the Council and addressing concerns about the Denver Plan, the District's UIP, the need for copies of the reports and assessment of this year's ELA program, the building of a strong relationship with the Board of Education, and information on whether the BOE has a position on the legislative issue of charter schools being able to become stand-alone districts within DPS.

### **PCOPS and PERA (DPS Representatives Unable to Attend and Will Reschedule)**

**Charter School Committee Update and Draft Report Approval:** The draft report on the charter school applications was reviewed and discussed. The charter applications under consideration are Aman Steam Academy, DSST VI for Middle Schools and High School, DSST VII, STRIVE Prep Elementary, Uhura School for Authentic Learning, and Youth Build Charter School of Denver. Roger Armstrong moved that District SIAC accept the report, present it to the Board of Education, and ask for feedback on the report from the Board of Education. Lynn Otto seconded the motion and it was approved. The report will be presented to the Board of Education at the meeting on June 6, 2013.

**Budget & Finance Committee Update:** Lynn Otto presented a report to the Board of Education on May 16 regarding the plans of the Budget and Finance Committee for the coming year. The Committee met on May 22 and discussed how to provide education to the committee on the budget process. David Hart, Chief Financial Officer, agreed to present the education plan to the Committee by June 14 which will include process and issues.

**Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Committee:** Kristen Tourangeau reported that District SIAC has not received a reply to the request for a copy of the UIP that was submitted by the District to CDE. Happy Haynes asked for clarification on what is needed by District SIAC.

**Proposed “Research and Evaluation” Ad Hoc Committee:** Val Flores will contact the program evaluation area and invite them to attend the District SIAC meeting in August.

**Facility Sharing Policy:** Kristen Tourangeau reported that the Board of Education took the item off of the agenda for the May meeting. The following members have expressed interest in serving on a committee to address the policy: Val Flores, Don Griebenaw, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Roger Kilgore, Rita Montero, Meg Schomp, Kristen Tourangeau, and Jesse Sutherland.

**New Business:**

- District SIAC Recruiting - - Roger Armstrong proposed that District SIAC place major emphasis on “beefing up” the District SIAC membership. He volunteered to work on a plan to recruit members.
- Working with BOE Members - - Lynn Otto proposed inviting BOE members to attend Committee meetings. It was the consensus of the Council that such meetings should be held at 900 Grant.

**Announcements & Comments:**

- It was suggested that the revitalization dollars be put on the next agenda.
- Mary Armstrong announced that she will miss the June meeting as she will be attending her 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion in Illinois.

**Next Meeting:** The next District SIAC meeting will be Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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