

District School Improvement and Accountability Council
Minutes from June 26, 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: Sherry Eastlund called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from May 29, 2012, were read and the title of the bond/mill levy committee was amended. Loralie Cole moved for approval as amended and Roger Kilgore seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Board of Education Report: No Board of Education member was able to attend.

Bond/Mill Levy Update: Roger Kilgore provided information regarding the composition of the committee and the subcommittee structure. The Board of Education received information from the District on June 18 and that information is on the DPS web site. The bond proposal includes facility maintenance, new building and expansion, and technology. The mill levy proposal includes technology, tutoring, enrichment, student support, arts, music, and physical education. The committee recommended proceeding with efforts for the election this fall. The Board of Education is scheduled for a retreat on July 30, a work session on August 14, and the vote regarding the bond/mill levy on August 16. Loralie Cole moved that District SIAC form an ad hoc committee to perform basic research on the bond/mill levy proposal and write a report to the Board of Education. Sherry Eastlund seconded the motion. Discussion followed concerning the need of the community to know how the money is spend, how financed, and the need for an oversight committee to stay in place for the life of the bond/mill levy. It was suggested that the ad hoc committee build on the work of the Community Planning and Advisory Committee. The motion was approved. Sherry Eastlund asked for volunteers for the committee and the following signed up: Val Flores, Roger Kilgore, Rita Montero, Ed Shackelford, Jacqui Shumway, and Jessie Sutherland. An email message regarding the ad hoc committee will be sent to District SIAC members.

Interim Co-Chairs: Sherry Eastlund shared that Kristen Tourangeau and Roger Kilgore have volunteered to serve as co-chairs. She then called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Kristen Tourangeau and Roger Kilgore were elected by acclamation to serve as interim co-chairs until November. Roger Kilgore then took the place of chair and thanked the three co-chairs for their outstanding work with District SIAC. He added that he and Kristen Tourangeau plan to meet with the past co-chairs and the current executive committee.

Recruitment for District SIAC New Members: Suggestions were made which included working with the Board of Education and the District to recruit two members from each school, reviewing the list of speakers at the BOE Public Hearings and inviting from that list, holding an Accountability Conference, and informing Denver PTSA members that District SIAC is looking for new members. It was also suggested that District SIAC have a presence at the Parent Leadership Institute.

Assessment of 2011-2012 Accomplishments: It was noted that the District SIAC retreat held July 23, 2011, was excellent and helped the Council move forward. The Council fulfilled the majority of its obligations and did well with the resources available. The Council has recruited more active members and is moving forward. The Council has a solid knowledge base regarding education and Denver Public Schools.

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Goals for 2012-2013 and Beyond: A number of goals were discussed which include improving relationships with the Board of Education and the District, building membership on District SIAC, raising awareness of the existence of the Council, increasing the number of presentations to the Board of Education at public meetings, asking for timely feedback from the Board of Education on District SIAC reports, and encouraging the Board of Education to inform the community in a timely manner before voting on issues. The Council should be developing a working knowledge of Board of Education policies. It was noted that District SIAC is advisory to the Board of Education and one of the obligations is to provide a perspective from the Council to the Board of Education.

Thank You to Paula Ortlieb: The Council thanked Paula Ortlieb for her work and devotion to District SIAC. She will continue to serve on District SIAC.

Announcements: Sherry Eastlund distributed a membership list and asked members to update the information.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 28, 2012, 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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