

District School Improvement and Accountability Council

Minutes from September 30, 2014

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

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of the August Minutes: Roger Kilgore called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed Mike Johnson, who serves as treasurer on the DPS Board of Education. Introductions were made. The minutes from August 26, 2014, were reviewed. Roger Armstrong moved for approval and Lynn Otto seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Board of Education Update: Mike Johnson brought the following materials to share with council members and touched briefly on each:

- 2014 School Performance Framework Overview—Traditional
- SPF Rating and Indicator Summary Report
- Overarching Goal: Great schools in every neighborhood (The Denver Plan)
- 2015 SPF Feedback on Proposed Changes
- Board of Education 2014-15 Topics Forecast

Mike Johnson also discussed policy BDF which was revised by the Board of Education on September 18 and made changes in how the District School Improvement and Accountability members are selected and appointed. He did not bring a copy of the policy but noted that it is on the DPS web site. The Board of Education is seeking formal applications. From the applications, the president of the Board of Education will then nominate potential members and the Board of Education will vote. He said that he believes there will be continuity on District SIAC because of the experience and good minds of the current District SIAC members. However, the BOE has not yet held any detailed discussion on continuity. The earliest time for a vote regarding District SIAC members will be December. He distributed applications to members present. The applications should be returned via e-mail to board@dpsk12.org. Those interested in serving may also phone 720-423-3211 to speak with someone directly and complete the application by phone. There were numerous questions about the timing, the methods the BOE will use to recruit, and the need for a transition plan. Mike Johnson said that the current BOE appreciates the work that has been done by District SIAC. Roger Kilgore thanked Mike Johnson for sharing his time and the numerous materials with District SIAC members.

Committee Organization and Volunteers/Reports:

- Budget and Finance - - Lynn Otto reported that she has the budget books. The following District SIAC members are serving on the budget and finance committee: Roger Armstrong, Chuck Crowley, Sherry Eastlund, Lynn Otto, Ed Shackelford, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau. The group will focus on the expenditures for principals, the detailed chart of accounts, the reconciliation of the general fund, the debt principle and interest, the end of the year reports by districts, the reports the BOE receives, and the various DPS funds. The next budget meeting will be held on October 8 at 1860 Lincoln Street. There will also be a budget meeting on November 12 which will also be held at 1860 Lincoln Street.
- UIP (Unified Improvement Plan)/Denver Plan - - Kristen Tourangeau reported that the UIP Committee needs a chairperson. Roger Kilgore volunteered to serve as the chairperson of the committee.
- Charter Schools - - Kristen Tourangeau said that she and Sherry Eastlund are serving as co-chairs for the committee. There are 16 renewals to consider and materials were distributed to committee members. Members who volunteered for the committee are: Earleen Brown, Sherry Eastlund, Don Griebenaw, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Val Flores, Ray McAllister, Jesse Sutherland, and Kristen Tourangeau.

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District Policy on Advisory Committees: Kristen Tourangeau reported that she spoke at the BOE meeting on the new BOE policy regarding District SIAC and the value of the institutional knowledge and expertise of council members. There was consensus among members that the BOE should appoint all current members, that the Council should operate under the current bylaws, and that the new appointees should be incorporated into the committee structure of the Council. Jesse Sutherland moved that the District School Improvement and Accountability Council leadership send a letter to the Board of Education on behalf of District SIAC urging the Board of Education to maintain the present membership and to add new members as the recruitment process is developed. Ray McAllister seconded the motion and it was approved. Don Griebenaw suggested that the letter emphasize that all duties outlined in state law for the District School Improvement and Accountability Council need experienced individuals to accomplish the duties and that the Board of Education retain the experienced current membership. The Board of Education should then actively and aggressively recruit parents to assist with the duties of the Council.

New Business:

- District SIAC Elections - - The nominating committee for District SIAC officers will be appointed at the next District SIAC meeting. The vote on officers will be held in November.

Old Business:

- None

Next Meeting: The next District SIAC meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 1860 Lincoln Street, Room 735A.

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