

District School Improvement and Accountability Council

Minutes from November 18, 2014

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

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of the October Minutes: Kristen Tourangeau called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The minutes from October 28, 2014, were reviewed. Jesse Sutherland moved for approval and Ed Shackelford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Board of Education Update: Kristen Tourangeau invited Arturo Jimenez to attend the meeting. He responded that if possible he would attend but he would probably be late. She said that she will invite Happy Haynes to the District SIAC January 6 meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Budget and Finance - - Lynn Otto reported that the November 12 meeting was cancelled. She will send information by email regarding a December meeting.
- UIP (Unified Improvement Plan)/Denver Plan - - Kristen Tourangeau reminded the Council that Colorado school districts should have received their ratings from the Colorado Department of Education by August 15. She will find out the DPS rating and report back to the Council. Members of the UIP Committee are Sherry Eastlund, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Roger Kilgore, Jesse Southerland, and Kristen Tourangeau.
- Charter Schools - - Kristen Tourangeau shared that there were two alternative schools that did not meet the conditions of their contracts and the Charter School Committee made the decision to not review those schools. The schools reviewed are listed below:
 - Cesar Chavez Academy
 - Denver School of Science & Technology - - College View
 - Escuela Tlatelolco
 - KIPP Denver Collegiate High School
 - Monarch Montessori
 - Omar D. Blair Charter School
 - Sims-Fayola International Academy
 - SOAR At Green Valley Ranch (GVR)
 - Southwest Early College
 - STRIVE Prep - - Green Valley Ranch (GVR)
 - STRIVE Prep - - Montbello
 - STRIVE Prep - - SMART Academy
 - Alternative Educational Campus (AEC)
 - Colorado High School Charter

Kristen Tourangeau reminded members that the final District SIAC Report was emailed to all members. The Board of Education will vote on the charter applications at their next meeting.

- Nomination Committee - - Don Griebenaw presented the Nomination Committee slate of officers as follows: Co-Chairpeople are Kristen Tourangeau and Ray McAllister; Vice Chairperson is Jesse Sutherland, and Secretary is Dorolyn Griebenaw. Jesse Sutherland moved that the slate be elected by acclamation and Chuck Crowley seconded the motion. The slate was elected by acclamation.

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Applications for District SIAC Committee: There was discussion about the application process put in place by the Board of Education. Council members also expressed concern about the lack of feedback from the Board of Education for the extensive work done by District SIAC members and reported to the Board of Education.

New Business:

- Achievement Gap - - The changes in the achievement gap were discussed. Many factors were listed that play into the achievement gap and included economic level and stability, mobility vs. stability, race, family structure, school structure, teacher effectiveness, and school climate.

Old Business:

- Segregation in the District - - It was brought to the Council's attention that last week the Board of Education discussed segregation in the District. Factors that might play into segregation were discussed and included the choice process, magnets, and charters.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Comments: Kristen Tourangeau reminded Council members that District SIAC will not meet in December. The January meetings will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015, and Tuesday, January 27, 2015. at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.