

DAC Minutes

5:30- 7:30 pm

24 April, 2018 – 1035

1. Welcome
2. March minutes approved
3. Board comments: Director Jennifer Bacon in attendance:

Director Bacon expressed the Board's desire to attend DAC meetings, reach out to diverse communities, and to strengthen the committee. She fielded questions.

Q. Weren't there mandatory reporting requirements on the three month, \$60,000 contract with Antwan Wilson.

A. The Superintendent has hiring authority, not the Board. Mr. Wilson is an expert in the field and was vetted before contract.

DAC member comments: Can the Board lean on the Superintendent regarding the contract?

A. The Board is aware of the situation.

Q. Is there an update on abuse of cheerleaders at East H.S.

A. Summons' have been issued to staff at East H. S., and the District Attorney is investigating. DPS is supporting the staff. DPS is working for transparency and helping the community understand the processes. More work is needed on following procedure, culture, expectations and behavior.

DAC member comments: Any plans to clarify policy? Are pensions kept despite being found guilty after resigning?

A. Training happens throughout the year, law constantly changing. She is not sure of impact on pensions. In Board policy, you can still teach with misdemeanor conviction. PERA pension is deferred compensation, but unrelated to abuses.

4. DPS Portfolio team and Great Schools Subcommittee joint discussion:

Jack Becker of the portfolio management team gave a high level overview including the Call for New Schools Power Point presentation.

- This is the 10th Call for New schools.
- No facility placement is being offered this year to Charter schools.
- Charter applicants held community meetings in southwest area recently.
- The DAC working group and committee of the whole discussed concerns to be expressed to the Board.

5. Subcommittee updates

Budget:

- The subcommittee will receive another presentation from district after the legislature finalizes the funding.
- It is expected the Legislature will approve supporting PERA.
- The need for increased classroom funding was discussed.
- The low pay of DPS teachers and the walkout were discussed. DPS teacher average pay is \$55,000. In Boston, which has the same cost of living as Denver, it is \$96,000.

Performance:

The subcommittee is reviewing the district UIP, and will possibly discuss the SPF process

FACE:

The subcommittee feels it needs to better define the charge of the committee.

6. Open forum:

Suggestions for changing the DAC main meeting – subcommittee meeting pattern was discussed.

- Use the main meetings as committee-of-the-whole work sessions on the 3 or 4 areas we are charged with. Having few PowerPoint presentations and more active meetings has strong support.
- Separate meetings could be held for new member orientation.
- There was a call for further discussion about what the DAC would focus on moving forward. There was support for the membership to working to set next year's meeting topics.

6. Announcements

SPF- feedback requested for focus groups

Adjourned 7:53pm

DAC meeting schedule

Meetings are usually on the last Tuesday of every month from 5:30- 7:30 pm

Emily Griffith Campus, 1860 Lincoln

Please request if you need childcare and translation provided

Please let the co-chairs know if you cannot attend

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Rm. 1035-- Evaluation/Wrap Up