

## **DAC Minutes**

**August 22, 2017**

5:30- 7:30 pm

1. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Ed Krug at 5:35 pm.
2. **Approval of May minutes** – Harold Sanchez moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.
3. **Board Member Comments** - Rosemary Rodriguez & Anne Rowe expressed their appreciation for the DAC.
4. **Tell Your Story** – DAC members went table to table sharing why they chose to be a part of the DAC and what they hoped to achieve.
5. **The DAC charge** presented by DPS staff presentation and subcommittee expectations and assignments

### **Great Schools Subcommittee** - Angie McFall - Portfolio Management Team

- Purpose is to authorize new schools
- DAC has input as an independent body
- Charter Renewals
  - Charter renewals are one area of review; This year, 12 schools are undergoing charter renewal - could be 7 more
  - DPS makes a recommendation regarding renewal
  - DAC being asked to make an independent review with a presentation to the Board in mid-November
- Call for New Quality Schools
  - This quality review process is another where the DAC provides recommendations
  - Timeline is generally in the Spring
  - Plan is for the Subcommittee this year to is for the Subcommittee leaders to be the facilitators of the entire DAC reviewing applications
  - DPS has a most stringent process and so DPS relies on the DAC as a part of a high quality review process
  - School leaders take the DAC suggestions very seriously.
- This committee is an excellent opportunity for obtaining a better understanding of DPS and reform policies and processes. Participants gain a perspective on what makes a school function effectively.

**Performance Subcommittee** – Ed Krug presented on this team

- This team’s primary focus is on evaluating the district-level Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). School level and district level UIPs are posted on the DPS website.
- Looks at the numbers and works with the DPS ARE department.
- This is state-mandated.
- Last year, this team went out and visited schools to do research visits looking at exemplars - what made these schools excel.
- UIPs have an evaluate – plan – implement loop. The DAC advises on the evaluation and planning loops.
- This includes looking at tiered supports for struggling schools: what is making the difference between schools that improve and those that don’t.

**Budget Subcommittee** - Eric Johnson – Executive Director of Finance

- Key tasks are understanding the budget, how schools are funded (including student based budgeting) and central department budgets (priorities & investments)
- Looks at the fiscal sustainability of the district and the future of school finance in Colorado and the USA. Soon learn how complicated funding is.
- Looks at how decisions in Washington, D.C. impact DPS
- Also look at how the district’s investments are meeting the Denver Plan goals.
- 3-5 meetings with a Board presentation in April.
- Don’t need to be a numbers person to participate. DPS tries to make the information accessible.
- Strategically, the focus for the DPS Budget office over the past months is the school being the agent of change

**Family & Community Engagement Subcommittee** – Karen Mortimer, Chair

- Last year, this committee focused on the Parent Satisfaction Surveys and worked with the district to prepare materials for principals to use to evaluate their data.
- Looking forward to expanding this group this year
- This committee exists because of the new DPS Family Engagement policy – KB-R
- Need to determine if the group wants to remain a subcommittee (membership limited to members of the DAC) or to function as an ad-hoc committee (membership open to anyone)
- Areas of focus will be determined by the committee.

## 6. Announcements

### DPS News and Updates – Jack Becker

- CMAS
  - Recent release of CMAS
  - Seven consecutive years outpacing peers statewide in academic growth.
  - Raw data files are available on CDE website
  - Early October release of SPF
- Engagement
  - Sept. 20th at Nat'l Western – First Superintendent Parent Forum - Theme: Strengthening contact between staff and parents
  - ELA-DAC Kick-off will be Aug 30th & 31st – PPA Event Center & Park Hill Golf Club
  - Strengthening Neighborhoods Initiative
    - Group has met three times
    - Next meeting is Monday, Aug 28- 5-8 pm
    - Looking at changing demographics & housing patterns.
    - Will advise district with recommendations in December.
    - Group includes people from the whole community.

### DAC Leadership & Committee Chair Elections – Ed Krug

- We will be electing officers and committee chairs
- September meeting will be taking nominations –
- October will be election
- If already know which subcommittee is of interest, you can sign up now

## 7. Adjournment - Stacy moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

# 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

Conference call details: Call 1-515-603-3170, followed by 236374#

## DAC 2017- 2018 DATES at 5:30 PM

- August 22** Rm. 835 – 2017 – 2018 Kickoff
- September 26** Rm. 835 -- School Performance Framework & School Performance Compact
- October 24** Rm. 835 -- Great Schools, Portfolio, charter and new school applications, and renewals
- November 28** Rm. 835 -- Budget - general overview
- December 12** Rm. 835 -- MIXER
- January 23** Rm. 1035 -- Great Schools –Spring Portfolio Management Team approval
- February 27** Rm. 1035 -- Performance ARE present UIP and related topics
- March 20** Rm. 1035 -- FACE - Family and Community Engagement
- April 24** Rm. 1035 -- Great Schools - presentation from subcommittee and input from DAC
- May 22** Rm. 1035 -- Evaluation/Wrap Up