

DPS District Accountability Committee Minutes

May 24, 2016

Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Ed Krug at 5:45 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Thalia Nawi moved to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.

District Presentation: School Performance Compact

- Maya Lagana, Portfolio Management Team, presented on the School Performance Compact.
 - Connected to Denver Plan of 80% high performing schools in every neighborhood.
 - Goal of transparency and consistency in identification and designation of schools for restart or closure.
 - Applies to **all** schools regardless of governance type
 - For the short term, doing norm referenced pool. Lowest 5%.
 - Explanation of criteria for restart or closure
 - All replacement schools must respond to the Call for Quality Schools. Exception would be if no one responds to the call. The District would then need to step in.
 - Need to make sure we have enough new school providers to meet demand.
 - Criterion C – School Quality Review – still creating the threshold. Putting together a panel of experts to create the standard.
 - Rubric for SQR will be the same as this year. So, schools that have already had a SQR will know what to expect.
 - Problem in the past of SQR evaluators all being outsiders. Now, SQR will include DPS staff, local charter reps and a parent/community member. Would like SQR team members to evaluate multiple schools in order to have consistency.
 - SQR is actually helping schools know where to focus their energy. Was given this year to schools with lowest SPFs and those that showed a large dip in scores.
 - DAC would like to see more input from community about the new school provider, more whole child support and family and community engagement

New Family Engagement Policy

- Board voting in June.
- Encourage DAC members to review the policy

Recruiting new members for the DAC

- Applications due by Friday
- Specifically seeking more representation from the NW, SW and SE

DAC Committees:

- **Performance Committee:**
 - Chose three schools to visit based on growth. Major findings:
 - Leaders matter
 - Teachers, and teacher development, matter
 - There are significant challenges. Needs for more funding and more social-emotional supports.
- **Great Schools Committee:**
 - Have done three interviews – during the day. Two more this week.
 - Five applications – Hard time organizing to meet for discussions
 - Applications have been read – questions have been generated
 - The DAC is having a presence during interviews
 - Still need to gather to discuss results from the interviews and email to the DAC
- **Budget Committee:**
 - Presented our recommendations to the Board
 - Affirmed central administration cuts
 - Three other points:
 - Need more data than student scores
 - DPS enrollment predicted to decrease; affordable housing issues – encouraged Board to partner with other organizations
 - TABOR is a large problem. Ways to mitigate this?

Adjournment: MiDian Holmes moved to adjourn. Approved at 7:20 pm.