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 SPF's 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.