

District School Improvement and Accountability Council

Minutes from October 29, 2013

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

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes: Kristen Tourangeau called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. District SIAC members introduced themselves.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from September 24, 2013, were read. Roger Armstrong moved for approval with a date and typo correction, and Lynn Otto seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Carol Mehesy, Director of Quality Assurance & Accountability (OSRI) on the Tiered Support Framework: Kristen Tourangeau announced that Carol Mehesy was unable to attend the meeting. The presentation is scheduled for the November meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Charter School Renewals - - Sherry Eastlund presented a draft of the report for the charter school renewals and explained the rationale for the recommendations for each of the charter schools seeking renewal. Discussion followed with the suggestion that District SIAC propose in the report that DPS counsel the students transitioning from closed schools. There was a question during the discussion about suggesting that SOAR Oakland be run as a traditional school. The completed report will be sent to members in attendance for approval before presenting to the Board of Education.
- Budget and Finance - - Lynn Otto reported that the committee met on October 10 in preparation for the October 24 meeting with David Hart, DPS Chief Financial Officer. The presentation was about the various funds, and the group was unable to review all of the funds during the meeting. She also reported that the DPS Audit and Finance Committee does not have documents available in a timely fashion and that there was not a discussion on documents of particular interest. For example, for the 3rd quarter, there was only one sentence which summarized it. Lynn Otto reported that the committee would like to see last year's budget with an explanation of the changes for this year. The committee would like to see where the actual numbers vary from the budget. It was suggested that a letter be drafted to the Board of Education about what is adequate and understandable for a budget. Lynn Otto recommended watching the next Finance and Audit Committee meeting on November 12 which will be about the financial audit report.

New Business: There was no new business.

Old Business:

- Committee Membership - - Roger Armstrong said he believes District SIAC needs 30 to 36 members. He suggested that members ask schools for recommendations. The Council needs members with an interest in all students throughout the District.
- Requested Material from BOE - - Kristen Tourangeau reported that District SIAC has not yet received the requested materials from the BOE.

Next Meeting: The November District SIAC meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building. This is one week early because of the DPS Thanksgiving Break.

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

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