

District School Improvement and Accountability Council
Minutes from November 27, 2012

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

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes: Roger Kilgore called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from October 20, 2012, were read. Paula Ortlieb moved for approval and Mary Armstrong seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Election of New Members: Lynn Otto and Roger Darmstrong expressed interest in becoming members of District SIAC and were elected by acclamation.

Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers: Paula Ortlieb reported that the terms for the officers are two years and that the current officers (Kristen Tourangeau, Co-Chairperson, and Roger Kilgore, Co-Chairperson, Jesse Sutherland, Vice Chairperson, and Dorolyn Griebenaw, Secretary) have agreed to stand for election. Paula asked if there were additional nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations, and the current officers were elected by acclamation.

Charter School Renewal/New Schools Committee Report: Kristen Tourangeau shared that the recommendations of the Office of School Reform and Innovation were similar to the recommendations from District SIAC. The Board of Education will vote on the charter recommendations on November 29. She added that Joe Amundsen from the District will meet with District SIAC at a future date on new charter applications.

BOE Meeting/Public Hearing: The Board of Education meeting on November 29 is scheduled for 5 p.m. and the public hearing devoted primarily to observations about the location of a charter school is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. There was discussion regarding the scheduling of a vote by the Board of Education before hearing comments from the community at a public hearing. Rita Montero moved that Kristen Tourangeau and Roger Kilgore contact Mary Seawell, the Board of Education members, and the Board of Education Secretary, regarding the scheduling of the public hearing following a vote by the Board of Education. Jacqui Shumway seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Standing Committee: Roger Kilgore reported that the UIP Committee discussed the necessity for the District to provide information to the UIP Standing Committee in order for the committee to do the necessary work. The Colorado Department of Education district designations was made public last week. The DPS designation is “accredited with priority plan.” It was suggested that the committee could review last year’s plan and look at the specific issues as compared with the plan submitted this year.

Board of Education Report: There was discussion regarding the importance of having a relationship with the Board of Education. Roger Armstrong moved that a request be made on behalf of District SIAC to Mary Seawell that one or more Board of Education members be present at regular District SIAC meetings. Jacqui Shumway seconded the motion, and it was approved.

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Board of Education Report Continued: At this point, Andrea Merida, Board of Education member, phoned in to discuss information with District SIAC. Members shared information with her about the UIP process, the co-location of Strive High School, the scheduling of a public hearing following a Board of Education meeting at which a vote will be taken, some background information regarding Smiley and concerns about the school and the neighborhood, Senate Bill 191, and the proposed Modified Consent Decree with the next hearing scheduled for January 25, 2013. Roger Kilgore thanked Andrea Merida for calling in and sharing her time with District SIAC.

Ad hoc Committee on District SIAC Bylaws: Dorolyn Griebenaw and Loralie Cole reported that they have not yet completed the task.

New Business:

- **Modified Consent Decree - -** The proposed decree was discussed along with background information. The next hearing in the Court of U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, who has overseen the consent decree since its inception in 1984, will be January 25, 2013. Denver Public Schools, the Congress of Hispanic Educators, and the U.S. Department of Justice have jointly asked for the court's approval of the new plan. Concern was expressed that the Congress of Hispanic Educators does not represent parents. Roger Kilgore said that the consent decree will be discussed at the next UIP meeting and will be put on the agenda for the January District SIAC meeting.
- **Finance and Audit Meeting - -** The meeting was two hours in length and at the end of the meeting the budget was discussed. The District stressed that they want District SIAC involved.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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