

District School Improvement and Accountability Council
Minutes from August 28, 2012

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

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes: Kristen Tourangeau called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from June 26, 2012, were read. Jesse Sutherland moved for approval and Val Flores seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Board of Education Report: No Board of Education member was able to attend. Kristen Tourangeau reported that she and Roger Kilgore have discussed the need for a representative from the Board of Education at District SIAC meetings. They plan to talk with the Board of Education about having a designated Board member or a rotating schedule to assure Board of Education representation.

District SIAC Web Site & Communication: Kristen Tourangeau shared that her contact information and Roger Kilgore's contact information will be on the Denver Public Schools Website. The District SIAC agendas and minutes are posted on the website.

New Member Recruitment: Recruitment for new members to District SIAC was discussed. Kristen Tourangeau shared that she knows several parents who might be interested. Jacqui Shumway volunteered to help with recruiting. The roster for District SIAC will be updated at next month's meeting.

District SIAC Subcommittees: It was noted that District SIAC is advisory to the Board of Education and one of the obligations is to provide a perspective from the Council to the Board of Education.

- UIP (Unified Improvement Plan) Subcommittee - - The responsibility of the subcommittee is to review unified improvement plans and report to the Board of Education. There was discussion about obtaining information from the District in a timely manner in order to facilitate the work of the subcommittee. Kristen Tourangeau would like to see the subcommittee focus on the DPS District Plan. She also pointed out that the Denver Plan needs revision. The timeline for the subcommittee work in the past has been from September to April. Kristen Tourangeau said that she and Roger Kilgore will work with the District to determine the timeline for this year.
- Charter Schools Subcommittee - - Kristen Tourangeau reviewed the DPS schedule. The Charter School Renewal Applications are reviewed from September to January. The Charter School New Applications are reviewed from January to May.
- Budget Subcommittee - - Council members present discussed the necessity for the Board of Education to have adequate time to review the DPS proposed budget. Mike Johnson suggested that now would be a good time for District SIAC to start discussions on the budget with David D. Hart, Chief Financial Officer. It was mentioned that in order to analyze the DPS budget, one needs to be able to examine the trade offs. It was suggested that it might be helpful for the District SIAC chairs to talk with the Accountability Committee Chairs from Aurora, Jefferson County and Cherry Creek regarding their practices for reviewing and making recommendations on their District budgets. A discussion of internal and external audits followed. Mike Johnson provided information that the DPS budget can be found on line at the DPS web site. The location is as follows:
<http://static.dpsk12.org/gems/businessservices/WEBSITEFINAL.pdf>

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Bond/Mill Levy Ad Hoc Committee: Jacqui Shumway reported that the ad hoc committee members were able to cover all of the meetings and that the community members in attendance had a lot of questions. The bond proposal includes facility maintenance, new building and expansion, and technology. The mill levy proposal includes technology, tutoring, enrichment, student support, arts, music, and physical education. Discussion followed concerning the need of the community to know how the money is spend, how financed, and the need for an oversight committee to stay in place for the life of the bond/mill levy.

DPS Parent Forums: There was discussion concerning representation from District SIAC at the Parent Forums. Marie Meyer volunteered to attend the Parent Forums as a District SIAC representative.

Information Items:

- Earleen Brown shared an article from Ed News Colorado about the end of the partnership between Denver Public Schools and The New Teacher Project because of the lack of funding.
- Information was shared on the remediation rates for DPS over the last four years as well as the DPS TCAP results by school from 2010 to 2012.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 25, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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