

## **District School Improvement and Accountability Council**

### **Minutes from September 24, 2013**

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

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from August 28, 2013, were read. Roger Armstrong moved for approval, and Ed Shackelford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**DPS Board of Education:** No DPS Board of Education member attended the meeting.

**Announcements and Comments:** Ed Shackelford shared an article by Ed Augden that appeared as a guest editorial in the Glendale Cherry Creek Chronicle September issue regarding inequity and mediocrity. He also shared an article by Al Bredenberg titled, "Is There or Isn't There a Skills Gap?"

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Charter School Renewals - - Sherry Eastlund reported that the committee has not yet met. The deadline for the report to the Board of Education is mid November. The schools to be reviewed are: Denver Justice High School, DSST at Cole Middle School, DSST-GVR High School, Escuela Tlatelolco, KIPP Montbello College Prep, Pioneer Charter School, Ridge View Academy, SOAR @ Oakland, STRIVE – Federal Campus, University Prep, and Venture Prep High School. October 1 was suggested for the first meeting of the committee. Sherry Eastlund said she will put out a schedule to the committee of meeting times.
- Budget and Finance - - Lynn Otto reported that Marc Carey, principal economist of the Colorado Legislative Council, and Todd Herreid, fiscal director of the Colorado Legislative Council, attended the August 22 meeting. Members of the committee attended the Board of Education financial meeting on September 12. David Hart, DPS Chief Financial Officer, will meet with the committee on Thursday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. Lynn Otto said the committee will look at Colorado School Finance funding and Other Major Revenue Streams, Budgeted Expenditures by Fund and Appropriation Level, School Allocations, Charter Schools, and DPS Long-term Obligations. Lynn Otto said that she is working on a draft of a letter for the Finance Committee to present at the BOE Public Hearing. She added that the Board of Education is seeking volunteers for the BOE Audit Committee. The committee will be made up of three Board of Education members and two appointed citizens.
- Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) - - Jesse Sutherland asked for volunteers for the UIP Committee. The following members volunteered: Ray McAllister, Sherry Eastlund, Dorolyn Griebenaw, Val Flores, and Jesse Sutherland.
- Modified Consent Decree - - No report this month.
- Membership Recruiting - - Roger Armstrong shared that he has put his recruiting effort on hold until after the Board of Education election in November.

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**New Business:** It was reported that the District is moving students from Bromwell to Byers. Bromwell is being remodeled because it was designed and built as an “open” school. Chuck Crowley will report to District SIAC at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Committee Membership - - Jesse Sutherland stressed the importance of committee involvement by members. He said that Kristen Tourangeau will send information regarding committee membership.
- Requested Material from the Board of Education - - Jesse Sutherland reported that Kristen Tourangeau has received the TCAP results. Anne Rowe is working on obtaining the various reports requested by District SIAC.
- Board of Education Election Forums - - It was noted that numerous forums are being held. District SIAC members are encouraged to attend the scheduled forums.
- District SIAC Membership - - Membership was discussed. It was noted that there is a need on District SIAC for representation from the southwest area of the city. It was noted that it would be helpful to have principal and teacher representation on the Council.

**Miscellaneous - - Announcements and Comments:**

- John Kechriotis, General Council for DPS, is no longer with the District.
- Several members shared that Kristen Tourangeau and Roger Kilgore have been doing an excellent job as co-chairs of District SIAC.

**Next Meeting:** The October District SIAC meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, in room 108 of the DPS Administration Building.

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