



Date: 2/23/21
Virtual Meeting
Meeting started at 5:30 pm

Attendance Keeping Form:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16rzZ9TJNWOfaZLb0f8m-3EeoU1XN5iFrKtESXZOIDvc/edit?usp=sharing>

Agenda for this meeting is here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WjNC9_-idAiAaHsujLVsNMAd2-TPS7m8ysVrTG-I3mE/edit?usp=sharing

For tonight's welcome and in honor of Black History Month:

When did you have your first Black teacher?

January Meeting Minutes: Alisa moves to approve, Jo ann seconds, Unanimous approval of minutes

- *Discussed:*
 - DAC Committee Update (Nelvis Alvarez)
 - Only 9 or 10 people have applied to be on the DAC. Wanted at least 20 people to apply. Need more people to apply by March 5, 2021.
 - Flyers for distribution were sent by email.
 - Nelvis summarized her outreach efforts to get the word out about the DAC. DAC members offered suggestions on other publicity efforts.
 - **Action Item:** Members will receive an email from Scott and Nelvis to ask for a call to DAC members who have not been active and find out why or what we can do to re-engage them. Report back to Nelvis.
 - Alisa asked for a discussion on how the DAC perceives themselves in the process of submitting items for the DPS Board.
 - From the staff perspective, everything submitted by the DAC has to be reviewed by the potentially impacted teams at DPS, even if items are sent to the DPS Board. The legal team and the financial team at DPS also has to review the submitted documents.
 - DAC should have clarity about how our feedback functions. Our feedback does not go straight to the DPS Board. It must go to the staff first and it hampers community feedback. It filters out some perspective of the community. Is that part of the goal? If not, then let's address it as a process so there is transparency.



- DAC is not a policy creator. We are a check on the Board. We send the feedback or resolutions to the Board and they decide who needs to receive it. We do not need to run items by legal and financial teams before sending them to the DPS Board.
- **Action Item:** Move this discussion to the next meeting.
- *CMAS Resolution in support of H.B. 21-1125 Suspend State Assessment for 2020-2021 School Year (suspend CMAS):*
 - Melissa and Amanda presented a resolution asking DPS to skip the CMAS testing this year. Link to resolution is here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QCqfH4LGHZymTSFUP3eBsv1ltFK98wrdc3bnri81CxM/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Discussion about local and state perspectives about standardized testing, including noting how many families of color have opted out of in-person school during COVID, and if CMAS is necessary, costs associated with it, and alternative measures of how students are doing in classes and schools. Additions recommended to the Resolution via chat (Melissa acknowledged and is making them to the document).
 - Call for anyone in opposition. Noted that the new Biden Administration said there will be no waivers or that they must continue to test- need to clarify the federal government's statement. Further discussion on changes to the proposed bill based on federal statements and language on Resolution.
 - **Motion- Alisa moves, Ed seconds, 12 in favor, 1 abstention**
- Subcommittee reports/actions
 - Great Schools Subcommittee (Adie)
 - DPS has put a freeze on Charter renewals and Adie will be presenting at the next meeting and will share the presentation to those who request it.
 - Shout out to Subcommittee members
 - Adie will present on behalf of the DAC next Tuesday but is not sure of time and you can join if you like
 - Performance Subcommittee (Melissa)
 - Will be presented at next meeting
 - Budget Subcommittee (Alisa)
 - Fundraising Policy will be sent to the Board. Alisa has been getting questions from DPS staff and it has been sent to several departments.
 - FACE Subcommittee (Karen)
 - Agenda is here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hl5Dm1Q6WTtfDVnoWz5CV1ysMKSVTJE-hUJzHF-LGcg/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Multicultural Office has been working with Warm Cookies of the Revolution on some publicity pieces and FACE provided feedback on



some of these projects. Overall, the pieces felt out of place considering where families are with COVID-19. There may be a gathering to better understand the feedback we provided.

- Potential for engagement with DAC: PSA opportunities for the community, Community Calendar or Bulletin Board (depending on staffing and bandwidth), assisting with distribution of multi-media content depending on need, assisting with in-person events after COVID (most interest in this). Other ideas included Parent Awards **(lost connection to meeting at 7:14 pm)**
- Feedback on DPS newsletter content- feels tone deaf based on where families are- disconnected. District needs to come to parents with empathy and the whole community and acknowledge that everything has been hard and here are some supports that may help with immediate concerns **(audio is cutting in and out and connection is unstable at 7:16 pm)**
- Use of text messaging and school messenger to reach more families
- Nelvis is setting up a meeting with the Mexican Consulate and it's an opportunity to connect
- Racial Equity Grant- there is no updated yet on the outcome of that meeting
- Question about Charter Schools and Family Communication and best practices
- **Audio and Connection lost at 7:20 pm**
- **Other Items**
 - **Pending-** Role DAC & FACE will take on the Superintendent Search after Board meeting tomorrow from 5 pm to 7 pm.
 - **Changing School Times** (per Parent Petition on MoveOn.org to change school start time for middle and high schools (<https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/later-start-time-for-middle-and-high-school-students-at-dps>)
 - We will discuss at the next meeting
 - Ask someone from operations to discuss this issue to have a more well-rounded view
 - Dr. Olson was going to come to our meeting but had prior commitment
- **Scott asked for a motion to close the meeting. Nancy moves to adjourn, Ed seconds, meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm**
- *In Attendance via Zoom:* Nelvis Alvarez, Paul Zuckerman, Scott Esserman, Alisa W Kermisch, Edward Krug, Karen Mortimer, Kathryn Fleegal, Kirsten Kahn, Kristopher Blythe, Melissa Megliola, Sandra Clemons, Susan Grattino, Heidi D, Jo Ann Fujioka, Adie Tate

- See updated attendance list [here](#)

Meeting Minutes for 1/26/21 approved and meeting minutes submitted for 2/23/21 by Dr. Hernandez