

DPS District Accountability Committee Minutes

May 23, 2017

Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Ed Krug at 5:37 pm.

April Minutes: Darci Cherry moved to approve the April minutes. Minutes were approved as read.

Subcommittee Report

- GREAT SCHOOLS
 - Reviewed 13 school applications
 - Mentioned to the Board that applications usually need to display community support. Bypassing community engagement process. Issue of applications being shirt tailed in.
 - Both out of state applications were withdrawn or rejected
 - Applications without a facility placement sit on a shelf until an opportunity presents itself
 - DAC will look at district-run applications in the future
 - Need better methods to gather community feedback for general school applications
 - Facility placement process explained

Next Year

- TOPICS
 - REVIEWING APPLICATIONS for SCHOOLS
 - Need to truly understand how the School Performance Compact – Lesson on how it all works
 - Would like ALL of us to participate - This is an important work of the DAC. Would like us to take meeting time to do so and have everyone take a binder home so that everyone participates.
 - It is also a great way to learn a lot about schools.
 - Some feel that it is more effective to read the whole application often to get the context.
 - POSITIVES
 - Helpful to have dates on the agenda each month.
 - Better minutes this year.
 - Appreciate the food.
 - Presented the positives and negatives.
 - Providing more info to attendees at off times
- NOTES TRANSCRIBED FROM MEMBERS

Topics

- Staff/teacher reflection
- New grad requirements
- Choice breakout sessions, deeper dive in topics (with teacher/released staff)
- Call for new schools
- Governance & principal development

- DPS 101/year planning
- Budget*
- SPC
- Imaginarium
- Best practices from charter schools or any school (Denver 2020, priorities), goal context presentations
- Opportunity gap

Deltas/ Improvement

- Board attendance, Tom attendance
- Working sessions (2 or 3 during critical times)
- Share work session agendas of the board
- Organization chart for DPS
- Additional speakers from the board
- DAC information on website *PowerPoints included
- Better use of website (links of information)
- Meetings are too long (maybe 90 minutes)
- DAC diversity
- Have a Field trip to EGC and meet different departments
- Have an open non-topic meeting to go over year strategy session

Pros

- Dates & topics year ahead, subcommittee dates
- Minutes**
- Header
- Food!

Considerations (Great Schools Feedback)

- Go deeper, collectively in the call
- Entire committee involved in reading, reviewing
- Sub- committee is the synthesizer, recommendations add coherence and bundle information
- Read whole application
- Have members choose Focus areas (i.e. Elem, HS, budget etc...)
- If have time available then go into the whole application since there are benefits to seeing the whole picture
- Use Online tools, role of meetings (constraints)
- How to blend capacity/commitments
- Leadership questions
- Thoughts on portfolio system

Adjournment: Jeannette Ekstrund moved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned by Ed Krug at 7:25 pm.