District Advisory Accountability Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2009

Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present: Kristi Hargrove, Marta Smith, Beth Weaver, Cindy Spohr, Phil Virden, Anne Hausler, Chris Purkiss, Jon Nelson

A motion was made to approve the February 18, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

New Business:

Budget: Jon Nelson shared the current status of the school district budget. There will probably be a $140 million reduction in state funding across the state for K-12 education which would possibly mean a $314,000 reduction for the district. We are still waiting to hear final budget numbers from the state. We have drafted a budget based on a conservative flat numbers so that we have a starting point when we get final numbers from the state. It was asked how the district would get input from stakeholders and it was suggested that DAAC and SAAC's may have to have additional meeting.

Regional Service Areas (RSA's): Chris Purkiss advised DAAC of state law that has provided for the creation of Regional Service Area's across the state and of a recent meeting that she and Superintendent Nelson had attended about the formation of the RSA that we would be attached to. Handouts were provided.

Old Business:

Pre-School SAAC: Cindy Spohr reported that she was still waiting to contact the pre-school staff to discuss their needs.

School Construction: Jon Nelson reported that work had begun at Lake on the remodeling of the school and administrative offices. Most of the Lake staff has moved to temporary offices at 805 W. Tomichi. Nelson reported that local contractors were engaged in the work on this remodel. GCS and Lake will be finished this summer. Marta Smith will be taking over the principalship at the Lake Pre-School. There was optimism that the IGA would be signed at the next BOE meeting. Plans for Marble Charter School were moving along although they had to scale back their plans because they did not reach their funding goals through private donations. GVS is also moving ahead and is planned for opening in January 2010. There is some volunteer help that will allow for a reduction of costs in the bids for work at that site. Work will start at GHS and CB this summer as soon as school is out.

Reports:
GVS: No report
CB: No report
GCS: Did not meet last month. Nothing to report

GHS: Phil Virden reported that SAAC has been meeting. They passed bylaws. Construction has been the dominant conversation. They are discussing the restarting of a business program at the HS for 2010-2011. Mr. Virden thanks the community for their help and willingness to move regional basketball games from GHS to other locations because of the leaking roof at the HS.
GCEA: Beth Weaver reported that GCEA meets regularly. They had recently passed a resolution of support for continued funding of Amendment 23. There are two grievances that are awaiting decisions. Negotiations will occur during April 28-May 1. There will be a social gathering for district retirees at the Almont Resort on May 21st.
ADCO: Marta Smith reported that ADCO are continuing of meet weekly. ADCO has been prioritizing district needs so that we are prepared when we know what stimulus funds we will be getting. ADCO has been discussing the need for staff development across the district as well as the implementation of RTI. Continue to discuss construction issues and receive updates on the progress of the work.
BOE: Anne Hausler reported on the ongoing policy leadership project and that the BOE might be purchasing the CASB policy system which is much more flexible that the web-based internal system that we are currently using for policies. She also discussed a plan to have conversation with the community through a survey that she and Terri Wenzlaff are working on in conjunction with WSC. She is very interested in DAAC hosting the survey and will provide more information as this plan takes shape. There will be three openings on the BOE this year and the BOE is putting together packages for prospective candidates. Open seats are those currently occupied by MJ Vosburg, Terri Wenzlaff and Jim Perkins. MS. Hausler also asked that DAAC start thinking about the differences in accountability and advisory as BOE policy needs to clarify the decision making process for community involvement.
Superintendent: Superintendent Nelson reported on his recent West Slope Superintendents meeting in Grand Junction.

Unscheduled Business:

1. Kristi Hargrove will check in the DAAC/SAAC bylaws and see who is up for re-election and email accordingly.
2. Cindy Spohr mentioned the need in the district for more connections between high schools in the district. Discussed was the idea of a travelling art exhibit of student work between high schools. This connections idea will need to be discussed further.
3. It was discussed that the district website was not particularly user friendly and that it was difficult to negotiate and find information. Sites need webmasters to make sure all information is updated in a timely manner.

Next meeting topics: Budget; Personnel Committee Report.

Next BOE Meetings: May 11, 2009 at 5:30pm location TBD
May 25, 2009 at 4pm location TBD - Work Session
June 8, 2009 at 5:30pm location TDB
June 17, 2009 at 7:30am for Budget Adoption location TBD

Next DAAC meeting: May 20, 2009 Gunnison Community School Library 4pm

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.