

**COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEVEN**

Dr. Terry Bishop, Superintendent

**Division of Instructional Services**

Dr. Mary Thurman, Deputy Superintendent

**DAAC-  
Focused on Student Achievement**

Executive DAAC Meeting  
February 1, 2007  
Garden Level Conference Room

The Executive DAAC Committee meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Patrick Carter, Catherine Carter, Lyman Kaiser, Cathy Stone, Shannon Jones, Trish Nixon, and Shirley Stevens were present.

***Nominating Committee***

Patrick Carter reported that the nominating committee should begin work in March after approval of membership/chairperson by full DAAC. An Executive DAAC officer should chair this committee. He hopes to have names to present after the February 15, 2007, full DAAC Committee meeting. The Nominating Committee will work throughout the spring to develop a slate of nominees for offices of Executive DAAC. The slate will be presented to Full DAAC in April. Voting will be at the May Full DAAC meeting.

**DAAC Meeting Planning – February 15, 2007**

The following items will comprise the full DAAC agenda for the February 15, 2007, meeting:

- Accreditation Subcommittee Report – Ed Plute
- Budget Committee Mid-Year Report – Wendy Chiado
- Special Education/Rtl Report – Bob Howell (tentative)
- DAAC Study Committee Briefing – Shirley Stevens

It was decided that a report/presentation by the Neighborhood Justice Center as well as other district safety issues will be presented at the March 2007 full DAAC meeting.

**Snow Days**

Patrick Carter led discussion on the district's decision-making process for adding minutes to the school day to counter the loss of instructional minutes due to severe winter weather this school year. After discussion, it was decided that a letter will be sent to Dr. Bishop regarding the implied consultation of the administration to community/parent groups, specifically DAAC, before a final recommendation and decision was determined. DAAC expressed concern that although no community/parent group makes decisions on issues such as this, the role of DAAC is one of consultation and advisement within the policy procedures in place. An informal report of the administration being proactive looking into a recommendation to extend the instructional day or other solutions to make up instructional minutes was given to DAAC on January 18, 2007. It was not understood that a decision was imminent without a request for discussion and input from DAAC in a more formal manner.

Executive DAAC officers reported that they have been approached to defend the decision made by the administration and that parents and community members were frustrated by the insufficient time to adjust home/family schedules to the new school time schedules. DAAC would like to see more consideration and effective communication between community groups and parents and the administration.

**Other**

Cathy Stone brought forward information regarding gang activity and information available on the website for schools. She thought this and other information from the Security Department would be helpful as schools modify school improvement plans to include safe environment issues and strategies.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.