

DAAC Minutes August 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Shannon Jones DAAC president at 6:05pm. Mr. Jones welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and briefly went over the agenda.

Mr. Jones asked for anyone to share good things happening in D11. The following comments were made:

- This morning in the paper there was a positive article about the Mitchell HS cheerleaders
- School started!
- The wrestler from Coronado receiving a gold medal at the Olympics
- Russell MS was chosen a Trailblazer School to Watch for student achievement
- Schools that received new windows look great
- D11 was recognized for achievement in writing by the CDE

Mr. Jones introduced Mr. Lyman Kaiser to review the Longitudinal Growth Model. He stated that D11 would use last year's approach and procedures for Accrediting Schools. The criteria from CDE have changed, but we would hold all schools harmless with the new criteria for the 2007-2008 school accreditation.

The Colorado longitudinal Growth Model was released today. It will compare students with the state and other schools. The data indicates the percentage of students who would be proficient in three years. This model compares like students in the system to determine growth.

Diagnostic growth – How much growth is enough? Mr. Kaiser presented a chart for D11 that indicated that if a student stayed on a growth path how long would it take –
% of students on track to catch up (went down in 2008 as compared to 2007)
% of students on track to keep up (went up significantly in 2008 as compared to 2007)

Dr. Thurman was on the CDE committee that developed these charts.

Mr. Kaiser also spoke about the bond program. The following have been completed:

- Coronado Auditorium – will be finished by the end of August
- Galileo – renovations
- Wasson – Science
- Mann – air conditioning
- Freemont, Grant, Keller & Penrose – remodeled
- Window replacements in 7 schools
- Fiber optics finished in all schools

Site based projects – 2 million has not been submitted. Sites need to submit projects by February 2009. The projects need to be completed by September 2010. Site projects are available on the D11 website.

Dr. Thurman discussed the Mill Levy Override. The board is considering placing a Mill Levy override question on the November ballot. The Mill Levy will request \$21.5 million from our D11 taxpayers. This would cost an average household \$11 a month. The board will vote next Wednesday in regard to whether they will request it to go on the ballot.

Marsha Spanswick talked about the EASy system. Their mantra this year is: Easy as 1,2,3. She showed all the reports that will be available for principals. The report bank tab is where they are building reports for the principals to use. The pre-formatted reports come with the actual EASy system. She showed examples of these reports. A hand out was given with the different reports available. In the demographic overview there is lots of information that would be beneficial for staff to review. The classroom view is where you can see classroom data. The student learning plan is where a teacher can look at student data throughout their education. Any teacher who has taught a student can follow the student's progress. This aligns with the RtI model.

Questions from the floor:

How is the data checked for accuracy? Any information entered into Zangle will be transferred to EASy.

Will parents have access to this data? Parents will only have access to Parent Connect. Schools need to make Parent Connect accessible for all parents.

The web site for EASy is www.d11.org/EASy

Teachers can use the information on EASy for parent/teacher conferences. The data is in real time. Student information is loaded every night; MAP data has a week turn-a-round.

The data will also be helpful for principals to write their SIP. This is a huge undertaking and will take 3-5 years for instructional resources to be fully developed.

The next two months will be training sessions for the DAAC meetings.

September 18, 2008 – 6:00-7:30pm Tesla

October 16, 2008 – 6:00-7:30pm Tesla

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.