

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEVEN

Dr. Terry Bishop, Superintendent

Operations/Instruction

Dr. Mary Thurman, Deputy Superintendent

DAAC- Focused on Student Achievement

DAAC Meeting
January 18, 2006

The regularly scheduled DAAC meeting of January 18, 2007, was held in the Board of Education Room and was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Patrick Carter. Twenty-eight people were in attendance.

District Safety Report – Cathy Stone

Cathy Stone, Executive DAAC Officer, reported on avenues to assist schools in providing a safe and secure environment. She presented information from the Neighborhood Justice Center through the District Attorney's office who acts as a partner with District 11. She explained that there is no charge for any mediation services provided by the NJC and that the agency can be an effective partner in dealing with school safety issues from time to time. Cathy encouraged that representatives bring up the service to community liaisons and school counselors. This information may also be added to the Safe and Secure Environment portion of the school improvement plan as a possible resource for bullying. There are representatives that would be glad to meet with or present a program explaining the NJC services. You may call Cathy Stone for further contact information at 287-9939.

DAAC Study Committee – Shirley Stevens

Shirley Stevens, DAAC Administrative liaison, reported on the DAAC Study Subcommittee. To date, two meetings have been held to study research and consider the implications of research and recommendations on DAAC in District 11. Subcommittee members will be sharing information and distilling research in order to propose a recommendation to the full DAAC and to the Board of Education in February. The primary goal of this study committee is to ensure that activities of DAAC meet the needs of schools; DAAC is the vehicle by which two-way communication is provided; and that parent and community involvement is increased as the district moves toward more site-based decision-making. The aim is to provide school and student ownership of increased student achievement.

If others are interested in studying data and research on this topic, Ms. Stevens can provide information on the regional labs across the United States that are currently studying this and other topics related to student achievement and increased parent/community involvement with education. You may call Cathy Herzberg for website information (520-2016).

Accreditation –Ed Plute

Ed Plute reported that the Accreditation Subcommittee is in the process of studying and rewriting the accreditation rules for the district. The state of Colorado is changing the rules for accreditation for school districts and District 11 is working to align to the changed rules. The subcommittee is also studying other school districts' accreditation contracts. The district will look closely at its status labels and align them to the state closer.

Of great concern is that the Accreditation Subcommittee and DAAC communicate effectively, working as a helpful partner to assist schools in improvement. Another concern is the differences between the Title I schools and non-Title I schools in completing the school improvement plans.

Accreditation should be the same for all schools. AYP (adequate yearly progress) is the critical data piece affecting all schools. Also, methods for calculating and analyzing data, specifically longitudinal data should not be different between the district and the state.

Ed reported that in February a formal recommendation will be made to the DAAC representatives for them to bring forward in their discussion with BAAC committees. Any feedback may be made to DAAC in March to assist with the final recommendation to revise the district's Accreditation contract process.

Budget Committee – Wendy Chiado

Wendy Chiado reported that a draft interim DAAC Budget Committee report will be completed at the next Budget Committee meeting and will be presented to DAAC in February. Currently, the committee is studying the accountability of district spending, science kits funding, summer literacy funding, and IBRs. Additional people are welcomed to attend the DAAC Budget Committee. Meetings are twice monthly on Tuesdays, from 6-8:00 p.m. Please contact Becky Moore for exact dates at 520-2011. Wendy and Ed Plute also reported on the efforts to coordinate student support for student achievement and community oversight for proper school funding to guarantee that all efforts are effectively linked.

Snow Days Report – Shirley Stevens

The district is being proactive in planning for contingencies should there be a need to make up snow days. All levels and offices are part of the discussion and a recommendation will be made the week of January 22, 2006.

Nominating Committee – Patrick Carter

Elections for DAAC Executive Offices will be held in May. A Nominating committee is being formed to provide a slate of officers for election. Please contact Cathy at 520-2016 if you would like to serve on this subcommittee or would like to run for an office.

Other Business

Patrick led brief discussion on interested topics for the remainder of the meeting of DAAC for this school year. The following topics were suggested:

- Presentation on Special Education – Staff for special education
- Rtl update
- BAAC Calendar Discussion
- Parent Involvement Ideas
- CSAP – Faster Results

Shirley Stevens reported that the district is coordinating school and other needs of the victims affected by the Castle Wood Apartments fire mid-January. The district is working with Title I and with homeless agencies to ensure all needs are met from the district's perspective.

Reminder: January is the month to begin reviewing school budget by the BAAC and evaluating goals for next year's sip.

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