

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEVEN

Dr. Terry Bishop, Superintendent

Operations/Instruction

Dr. Mary Thurman, Deputy Superintendent

DAAC-
Focused on Student Achievement

DAAC Meeting
February 15, 2006

The regularly scheduled DAAC meeting of February 15, 2007, was held in the Board of Education Room and was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Patrick Carter. Twenty-six people were in attendance.

Special Education/Rtl Update

Dr. Robert Howell, Executive Director, Special Education, gave a brief overview of Special Education and Response to Interventions (Rtl).

Calendar – Dr. Mary Thurman

Two calendars were presented by Dr. Thurman. One was approved in 2006 that coordinates with other district schools. This one had make up days included. The other was pending approval from the Board. This calendar adds one day to the school year, January 7th. State statutes mandate the minimum days and hours must be included in school calendars each year. Anyone is welcomed to attend the calendar meetings held on the 1st Monday of the month. The next scheduled calendar committee meeting is on March 5, 2007, at Tesla from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Full Day Kindergarten-Pat Ring

Pat Ring presented a proposal for tuition-free, full day kindergarten. Tuition free kindergarten is not available for every student. Cost breakdown is \$1.5 million without aides and \$2.0 million with aides.

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 in March and to the Board of Education in late February. 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 you may call Cathy Herzberg for website information (520-2016).

Budget Committee – Wendy Chiado

Wendy Chiado reported that the Budget Committee is your citizen oversight of the budget. 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. A motion was made to accept the interim budget report to be presented to the BOE by Patricia Nixon and 2nd by Kathleen O'Brien. No opposition.

Accreditation –Ed Plute

Ed Plute presented the formal recommendation on Accreditation to the DAAC representatives for them to take back to their BAAC committees. He reported that the Accreditation Subcommittee is in the process of studying and rewriting the accreditation rules for the district. Any feedback may be made to DAAC in March to assist with the final recommendation to revise the district's Accreditation contract process.

Other Business

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.

Wendy Chiado reminded that we will need BAAC prospective members and also DAAC prospective members.

Minutes from January 18 meeting of DAAC were amended to read as follows: **“The District is being proactive in planning for contingencies should there be a need to make-up snow days.”** The general consensus was that there was no mention of an imminent need and, thus, decision on adjusting the schedule. Motion made to accept minutes as amended by Patricia Nixon and seconded by Kathleen O’Brien.

Patrick suggested submission of a rebuke to the Board of Education regarding the snow day and calendar issue. Discussion followed about the concern that DAAC was not being consulted and that the Board and Administration did not respect them and that there are great concerns about credibility and trust. A motion made by Patrick to accept rebuke to be presented to the Board of Education, seconded by Kathleen O’Brien. Motion passed.

Director Charles Babbitt responded that he does appreciate the time and effort and the information that was presented. His experience with the information that was shared at the BAAC meetings during his tenure at Wasson High School had been great and he was representing the Board and wanted to keep the channel open for communication with DAAC.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

