

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEVEN

Dr. Terry Bishop, Superintendent

Operations/Instruction

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DAAC Meeting
April 19, 2007

The regular meeting of the full DAAC Committee was called to order by Patrick Carter, Chairperson, at 6:04 p.m. Twenty-eight DAAC representatives were present. Patrick announced that Ed Plute would serve as chairperson pro-tem for the remainder of the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Safe School Environment

District 11 Security Department

Mr. Jose Gurule, Director of Security, and Mr. Jim Hastings, Coordinator of School Security, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the duties and responsibilities of the District 11 Security Department. Mr. Gurule gave an overview of the department and Mr. Hastings provided details about district/school crisis planning. (Copies of the handout may be provided upon request.)

Neighborhood Justice Center

Mr. Jerry O'Hare of the Neighborhood Justice Center provided handouts and information about the services available to persons and schools. The mission of the NJC is to provide mediation in conflict. He cited several examples of mediation for District 11. He explained that there is a staff of professionals and many volunteers that provide mediation services. He is interested in becoming a resource to more schools in District 11.

Accreditation Subcommittee Report

Ed Plute, chairperson of the Accreditation Subcommittee, gave a brief report on the recent work of the subcommittee. He noted that Christina Clayton, facilitator for the English Second Language/Foreign Language Department gave a presentation on the changes taking place for ELL students within the district. The Accreditation Subcommittee will be tracking ELL student assessment progress and the impact of Full Day Kindergarten next year. The subcommittee will conclude their work mid-May.

Budget Committee

Wendy Chiado, chairperson of the DAAC Budget Committee, reported that her committee is creating their final report to be presented to the Board of Education and administration in June. The committee has focused on linking dollars to achievement, tracking IBRs, and studying various departments as planned in their charge for the 2007-2008 school year. Ms. Chiado also reported that the subcommittee has tentatively begun a list of entities to study for the coming school year and will include the 26000 series accounts (Maintenance, Grounds, Security, etc.), Food Services and Grants. The subcommittee anticipates leaving an open place holder in their schedule to allow for an unplanned study should a need arise in the fall.

The Budget Committee's final report will be provided to full DAAC in May for their approval.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is completing their work on the slate of Executive DAAC Officer nominees. They will have the ballot of nominees emailed to DAAC representatives by the beginning of May. Voting for Executive DAAC Officers will take place May 15 at the next regular full DAAC meeting.

Ad Hoc Study Committee

Ms. Shirley Stevens provided copies of the draft recommendation of the Ad Hoc Study Committee on DAAC/BAAC Restructure. She led a brief discussion. The draft recommendation includes summaries and conclusions about the research that the committee studied. Their recommendations include aligning "No Child Left Behind" legislation and the National PTA standards to parent involvement within DAAC/BAAC. Strong parent involvement is a link to increased student achievement. The recommendation was approved by DAAC representatives and will be presented to the Board of Education on April 25, 2007, with the addition of information of successes and failures noted in the research studied by the committee. (Copies of the handout is available upon request.)

School Improvement Plan

Ms. Stevens reported that the new school improvement plan template has been presented to District 11 principals. Also, there are training dates and times set up in which school teams may participate. The first training date is set for Monday, April 23rd from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be more training dates in May and again in August in order to prepare SIP writing teams at school sites. The template contains electronic links to information and data for ease of goal writing.

East Middle School Update

It was reported that the District 11 Administration has recommended to the Board of Education to form a committee to study the various issues facing the district such as instruction levels modifications, decreasing enrollment, building utilization, and proposals for the use of East Middle School. Applications for this committee and it's subcommittees will be online. It is imperative that DAAC has a representative on this committee which will begin its work by fall 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.