

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEVEN

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DAAC- Focused on Student Achievement

DAAC Meeting
September 17, 2009

The regular meeting of the full DAAC Committee was called to order by Mr. Chuck Theobald, Chairperson, at 6:02 p.m.

Introduction

Mr. Theobald, DAAC Chairperson, did a quick overview of the agenda. He introduced the members of the Executive DAAC committee and the DAAC members introduced themselves.

District Goals/Vision/Mission

Mr. John Keane presented a Powerpoint presentation on the Goals/Vision/Mission of the District. The **Vision** of the District is: Every student prepared for a world yet to be imagined.

The **Mission** of the District is: Provide excellent, distinctive educational experiences that equip students for success today and in the future.

The 7 Goals are:

- Demonstrate improvement of student achievement
- Demonstrate a high performing team
- Embrace a culture of constant innovation
- Communicate and engage frequently with our customers
- Provide a safe learning and working environment
- Demonstrate operational efficiencies
- Demonstrate fiscal prudence and financial responsibility

The end product for the District is helping students walk across the stage to graduation. The purpose in all our work is to achieve this goal. We need to align ourselves to the goals.

Mr. Keane also discussed the following guiding principles:

- Think Win/Win
- Listen First, Talk Second, Manage By the Facts
- Trust But Verify
- Remember: "A Dollar Is A Dollar"
- First Do No Damage
- Whatever It Takes

Roles/Responsibilities of the DAAC and DAAC Members

Mr. Theobald discussed the following responsibilities:

- DAAC Legal Responsibilities (Set out in State Law)
 - Recommend budget priorities
 - Advise the board on improvement plans
 - Review charter school applications and renewals
 - We currently have 5 Charter Schools that need to be reviewed
- Other DAAC Responsibilities:
 - Review proposed schedule changes
 - Support development of School Improvement Plans (SIPs)

- Review SIPs
- Review student achievement, recommend improvements
- Other tasks as agreed with the BOE
- DAAC Opportunity
 - The DAAC has a role as an Advisory body to work with the board and the administration on issues around student achievement.
 - The DAAC represents a broad group of parents, District employees and the community. In order to be prepared, it is incumbent on us to be knowledgeable about both the issues that the schools we represent face, and the issues facing the BOE and the community.

Board Relations

Mr. Chuck Theobald introduced Director Bob Null. Director Null stated that DAAC is an objective resource. He indicated that the Board doesn't hear from the DAAC enough and stated that they valued the input from this committee.

Question from the audience:

- How do we know which Board member is assigned to which schools?
We will follow-up with the Board secretary to see if this type of information can be posted on the District website.

DAAC Bylaws

Mr. Chuck Theobald introduced Mr. Lyman Kaiser who presented a PowerPoint presentation that recapped the Senate Bill 09-163 that addresses Key Items/Changes in the DAAC/BAAC Structure and Responsibilities.

- Bylaws – Key Changes
 - Elected or Appointed by BOE
 - Parents must be plurality
 - Staff and relatives who are parents count as staff
 - Reflect population of District
 - Include parents from charter schools

We need to have any changes in place by July 1, 2010 in order to adhere to the changes indicated in this bill.

- A statement was made by a member of DAAC that we should try to recruit more employers to be involved with the DAAC. Mr. Theobald agreed that we should address this as an action item in Executive DAAC.

Budget Oversight

Wendy Chiado, Budget Chairperson was not available to report, so Mr. Theobald addressed the responsibilities of the Budget Oversight committee:

- This is a key DAAC activity
- New members are urgently needed and warmly welcomed
- This committee reviews the annual district budget
- Does detailed review of specific budget segments
- Reviews budget variances and supplement requests
- Proposes adjustments based on student achievement and added value

School Accreditation

Mr. Ed Plute was introduced to present information regarding school accreditation

- There are 5 elements on the State Accreditation Model
 - Element 1 – Status and Growth
 - Achievement Status is assigned 10 points (CSAP & P&A)
 - Achievement Growth is assigned 30 points (CSAP-median growth percentile)
 - Element 2 – Gaps – Status and Growth

- Gap Status is assigned 7.5 points (CSAP – Differences between groups- Value of scores)
- Gap Growth is assigned 22.5 points (Median growth percentile differences)
- Element 3 – Post Secondary Readiness
 - Colorado ACT(Average Composite Score) is assigned 5 points
 - Graduation Rate is assigned 5 points
- Element 4 – Financial and School Safety Compliance – not assigned points
- Element 5 – Education Improvement Plan Quality
 - Evaluated by given rubrics – assigned 20 points

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm

Special BAAC training September 24, 2009 – Galileo 6-8pm

Next Executive DAAC meeting – October 1, 2009, 6 – 7:30pm, IT-A

Next Full DAAC meeting – October 15, 2009, 6 – 7:30pm, Tesla room 116