

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEVEN

Dr. Terry Bishop, Superintendent

Personnel Support Services

Dr. Mary Thurman, Deputy Superintendent

DAAC- Focused on Student Achievement

DAAC Meeting
January 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the full DAAC Committee was called to order by Mr. Shannon Jones, Chairperson, at 6:05 p.m.

Call to Order and welcome -

Mr. Jones, DAAC Chairperson introduced Dr. Thurman to present great things happening in the District.

Great Things Happening in District 11 –

Dr. Thurman presented great things happening in District 11. A handout with these items was available in order for BAAC representatives to take this information back to their schools. This handout will be available at future DAAC meetings. This document will be attached to the email sent to each representative. In addition, a request has been made from the Gazette HUB. They need local information and news from our schools for each local HUB publication.

Update on the Utilization Study process –

Several community utilization meetings have been held. These meetings are very structured. Groups of 6 – 10 people fill out a survey/worksheet with ranking and opinions. Board members have been in attendance, but have not participated in discussions. Recommendations/information from the individual meetings is captured on the D11 website. Everyone is encouraged to review this information. We should look at the information as a district – what will best benefit all students. A full report and recommendations will be presented to the Board at the Board Work Session on February 4, 2009. The public will have the opportunity to express opinions/give comments at the regular Board Meeting on February 11, 2009.

Site-determined Projects and Bond Status –

Mr. Shannon Jones introduced Mr. Lyman Kaiser. Mr. Kaiser stated that there are some schools that haven't used their funds yet. Everything has to be worked through the system by the end of February. Some suggestions as how to use this money at schools would be mobile labs and security systems. Any leftover money will go into capital renewal.

Update on the SAR Results -

Mr. Lyman Kaiser presented a Power Point on this topic. The Power Point presentation will be attached to the email sent to each representative.

Other Business -

- Eradicating the Achievement Gap – We have seen an achievement gain over the last 6 years, but there is still a 20 to 30% points difference between non-minority and minority students.
- A handout was given showing how to go to each school's website to view their SIP. There is a link to the SIP on each school's "Splash" page of the D 11 web page. That is the one that you get if you select "Our Schools" on the D 11 homepage and then select a

specific school in the pull down menus. The School Improvement Plans are found on the left column of this page where the chalk board symbol identifies their location.

- Project Now (Senate Bill 08-212) - It is an initiative of D 11 which looks at how to better prepare students for college. There are 5 committees involved:
 - Pathways
 - Graduation Requirements
 - Transitions
 - Culture
 - Policy

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

The next regular meeting will be held on February 9, 6:00-7:30 pm at Tesla.