

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEVEN

Dr. Terry Bishop, Superintendent

Division of Instructional Services

Dr. Mary Thurman, Deputy Superintendent

DAAC- Focused on Student Achievement

Executive DAAC Meeting
April 5, 2007
Garden Level Conference Room

The regularly scheduled Executive DAAC Committee meeting was held on April 5, 2007, in the Garden Level Conference Room and was called to order by Chairperson Patrick Carter at 6:04 p.m. The following people were present for the meeting: Patrick Carter, Catherine Carter, Shannon Jones, Shirley Stevens, Ed Plute, Lyman Kaiser, Crystal Ross, Dr. Terry Bishop and Dr. Mary Thurman.

Patrick Carter added a presentation by Dr. Terry Bishop, District 11 Superintendent, to the approved agenda.

Additional Instructional Days

Dr. Terry Bishop presented information about the various ways in which the district will deal with the two additional days as a result of the additional time added to the instructional day to compensate for the snow days earlier in the year. The district must determine how to allow for two days off for teachers and students. He reported that each level of instruction – elementary, middle, and high – have submitted different ways to allow for the two extra days. Each separate way addresses particular needs of each level; however having three separate remedies is not necessarily helpful for district planning. After presenting, discussion was opened up for reactions and suggestions from Executive DAAC. At the conclusion of the discussion it was decided that DAAC will leave the choice of scheduling to the administration and Board of Education, and their determination of what is best for students and the various schedule needs at each instruction level.

Since any remedy has an impact on the approved instructional calendar, keeping to the BOE policy stating the any change to the calendar must allow 30 days before implementation is essential. This issue will be presented to the Board of Education on April 11, 2007, for their consideration.

Nominating Subcommittee

A slate of officers will be presented to the Full DAAC Committee meeting on April 19, 2007.

DAAC/BAAC Study Ad Hoc Committee

Shirley Stevens and Lyman Kaiser presenting information about the ad hoc subcommittee's study of various research and their recommendations. The ad hoc subcommittee will present a draft recommendation to the Full DAAC Committee on April 19, 2007.

The ad hoc subcommittee research and recommendations are linked to increased parent involvement and means by which parents are selected to BAAC committees. Members are finding that much research is in line with "No Child Left Behind" legislation and PTA guidelines. Further, the district SIP requires increased parent involvement in oversight of building/instruction goals directly related to student achievement.

It was determined that after the ad hoc subcommittee presents to the Full DAAC, a report with recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Education on April 25, 2007. After that date, DAAC will wait upon the administration and the Board of Education to respond back to DAAC for further study and/or review.

The electronic file with research/response information will be sent out to all DAAC representatives so that they may read, study, and share the information with BAAC members before the Full DAAC meeting on April 19, 2007.

Accreditation

Ed Plute reported that the state legislation passed a new law delaying the requirement to update the district's accreditation contract. Therefore, the Accreditation Subcommittee will direct their activities to the study of student achievement as a result of the implementation of full day kindergarten and redistribution of ELL programs to more school sites. The freedom to student assessment data at this point benefits from easily accessible base line data before the programs begin in the fall of 2007.

One essential variable affecting student achievement in District 11 is the increased mobility rate. Mr. Plute stated that the mobility rate of schools should be addressed in the SIP document of each school. Training on the new SIP document will take place in April. DAAC representatives/BAAC members will be encouraged to take part in the training.

In conjunction with SIP goals, the new data system being implemented by the district will assist schools in setting assessment/instruction goals. The system will be used by teachers to direct instruction and used by administrative goals teams to direct SIP goals.

Budget

It was reported that Wendy Chiado, chairperson of the Budget Committee, reported out to the Board of Education on March 21, 2007. The report was well received.

Agenda Planning – April Full DAAC Meeting

The following items will be included on the agenda for the Full DAAC Committee meeting of April 19, 2007:

- Learning environment – Security
- Accreditation Subcommittee Report
- Budget Committee - Report
- Nominating Committee – Slate of Executive DAAC Officers Nominations
- DAAC/BAAC Ad Hoc Study Subcommittee - Report
- New SIP Template – Overview and Upcoming Training Sessions Report
- East Middle School - Update
- Other business –

Other

It was suggested that an additional web page be added to the DAAC website advertising the various subcommittees and activities in an effort to recruit new participants.

Patrick Carter reported that he was invited to attend the BAAC Committee meeting at Coronado High School. Various concerns were discussed about the Math Department's instructional practices. He stated that Susan Humphrey, principal of Coronado High School, seems open to discuss the concerns and address them with her staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

