

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
March 1, 2007
Garden Level Conference Room

The regularly scheduled Executive DAAC meeting was held in the Board of Education Room at the request of the administration to allow another small group to meet in the Garden Level Conference Room. The following people were present: Trish Nixon, Ed Plute, Kathy Stone, Wendy Chiado, Lyman Kaiser, Crystal Ross, Patrick Carter, Catherine Carter, Glen Gustafson, and Shirley Stevens.

MLO Plan Amendments – Glen Gustafson

Glen Gustafson, Chief Financial Officer for District 11, provided two handouts and information regarding the amendments to MLO spending being proposed. Each amendment requests that funds be redirected to different but related programs to the original purpose of mill levy funds. The district requests input from DAAC on the two amendments: Site-based Management (implementation of site-based management initiative) and Improved Start Times (implementation of full day kindergarten).

Information will be provided to full DAAC on March 15, 2007, and recommendations will be submitted to Budget and Planning and the Board of Education.

Snow Days - Rebuke from DAAC

Patrick Carter reported that he has met with Dr. Bishop and the concerns of DAAC have been acknowledged. The commitment has been made to include DAAC in discussions and decision-making within the purview of DAAC to recommend and provide oversight where needed.

Budget Committee – Wendy Chiado

Wendy Chiado reports that a preliminary report will be made to the Board of Education by the DAAC Budget Committee. Included in this report will be the activity of the committee to date that includes review of IBRs and study of selected departments' expenditures and accounting practices. The committee is also looking at areas of study for the next school year. Suggested departments are Food Services, Security, Digital School and Curriculum Alignment.

Accreditation – Ed Plute

Ed Plute will conclude the report to full DAAC on March 15, 2007, that was begun at the February 14, 2007, meeting. This report to full DAAC includes changes in accreditation for the district and its schools and the alignment of data processes in reporting AYP (adequate yearly progress).

Study Committee – Shirley Stevens

Shirley Stevens reported that various research studied by committee members has gone out to all of the committee for input. Committee member input is due back on March 9th to Shirley Stevens. A draft report of preliminary findings will be made available at the next DAAC meeting on March 15, 2007. DAAC representatives will be requested to take information provided to them at the meeting to their BAACs for further input in April to full DAAC. The Study Committee will report findings at the May DAAC meeting and provide a DAAC report in late May to the Dr. Bishop and the Board of Education.

DAAC Nomination Committee

A tentative volunteer has been identified to serve on the Nomination Committee. Other members will be added and the complete committee will be approved at the full DAAC meeting March 15, 2007. The Nomination Committee will present a slate of officers to full DAAC April 19th and voting on officers to serve during 2007-2008 will take place on May 17, 2007.

East Middle School – Upcoming District Decisions

It was reported that on February 28 at the Board of Education work session, decisions regarding East Middle School were tabled. It was decided that Community Forums will be held on March 6 and March 7, 2007, to allow the community to hear and discuss concerns and possible decisions being recommended for East. Executive DAAC decided to send an email out to all DAAC representatives to encourage them to become informed about the concerns and discuss the issues with their BAAC Committees. This issue will be discussed at the March 15th DAAC meeting and a recommendation will be formulated to be submitted to the administration and Board of Education.

Full DAAC Agenda – March 15, 2007

Needs Assessment and Consolidated Grants – Kandy Claybaugh – 5 minutes
MLO Amendments – Glen Gustafson – 30 minutes
Accreditation – 5 minutes
Study Committee – 5 minutes
Nominating Committee – 5 minutes
East Middle School issues – 45-50 minutes
Other Business (as time allows)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.