



BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES of the DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (DAC)

BVSD Transportation Center

September 3, 2019

1. Welcome (Nicole Rajpal)

Nicole introduced members of the DAC Board, Candidates Running for Board Election, Current Board Members, and key members attending from the District Staff. The overall objective of the training and first 2019 meeting was reviewed and briefly discussed.

2. Board of Education Report (Tina Marquis, Board President)

Tina introduced DAC members to the role of the board, and reminded us all meeting agendas, minutes and handouts can be accessed on [BoardDocs](#)® through the BVSD website.

She further discussed some of the significant interactions that take place between DAC and the School Board.

Specifically mentioned was the DAC role of performing an initial review of policy [AE-R](#) for the 19/20 school year.

Tina highlighted recent Board actions including: a) approving changes to the Charter School Regulation ([LBD-R](#)) based on DAC and BVSD feedback and; b) Vaping. The BVSD Board passed a resolution supporting the 3 Boulder City Council ordinances to curb teen vaping in Boulder.

3. Superintendent Report (Rob Anderson)

The highlights of Rob's interaction with the DAC Team included;

Enrollment hit the District's estimates set at roughly 200 students less than the previous school year.

Full Day Kindergarten is fully implemented and is operating well throughout the District.

Later school start times for high schools have been implemented, and are working well with some minor kinks in synchronizing the transportation schedules.

Rob reviewed the impact of the data breach that compromised the records of BVSD student data. The District policy is to be as transparent as possible and thus many parents in the room had already been notified of the situation via mail.

Schools with recent bond work have new A/C installed, while those schools not yet upgraded have experienced some uncomfortable days with the record-breaking heat waves. BVSD is exploring improvements in this area.

About 100 new teachers are working at the District this year and of those hires most have considerable experience working in other districts. Only a small number of instructors were hired without prior experience.

Robin Fernandez addresses a question regarding the September 13 Assessment Day that was recently added to the calendar. She explained that this day was set aside for some elementary school testing so that some specific student testing could be accommodated without interrupting their academic day.

Rob answered questions regarding calendar “setting” and why the school year starts so early. He noted that periodically the District reviews the calendar “framework” with parent and that discussion will take place later this year.

4. Strategic Plan Overview (Rob Anderson)

As an introduction to the [Strategic Plan](#) and Data Instruction Rob reminded us all that numerous factors at District, School and Classroom levels influence what is seen within the data. By way of the “District Conditions” it can be tempting to reach a near-term conclusion and that by resisting this tendency we can pose effective questions that drive more toward root cause analysis and discovery.

Rob detailed the six Phase-1 initiatives (from the portfolio of 12 Initiatives). Each was discussed in some detail with Rob answering many DAC member questions. The portfolio of initiatives is designed to promote learning and to position students for future success in their academic growth.

5. Achievement & Growth Data: UIP Quarterly Review (BVSD Area Superintendents)

Samantha Messier, Area Superintendent of the Northwest Learning Network, Introduced DAC members to the Data experts, reviewed the resources available for examining the information and discussed the limitations of using data.

Claire Sims launched small data exercises – and all participated 😊 It was a convenient way to learn about the significance of data in a very non-traditional manner.

Samantha reviewed [this video](#) on Performance Framework Review and explained how these tools can be used at our upcoming SAC meetings.

Robyn Fernandez, Area Superintendent of the East Learning Network, covered the Growth Report Review and also explained how [this video](#) could be used by our SAC teams to become more proficient.

A portfolio of School Data was shared with the DAC and each member had the opportunity to dig into local data with their principal and ask questions of the staff.

6. Subcommittee Introductions & Sign-Up

Nicole dispatched all to join a sub committee with ten minutes left to the meeting. All groups were tasked to elect a Chairperson and the preliminary committee work was completed efficiently as the meeting adjourned on time.

7. Adjournment at 8:30pm

Reminders sent with the agenda follow

DAC Information

[DAC Website & Calendar](#)

SAC Information

- Start looking at your school data:
 - [State Accountability Data Tools & Resources](#)

- [Teaching & Learning Conditions Colorado \(TLCC\) Survey Results](#) ●

Budget Survey

- Results due October 31

DAC Norms:

Begin and end meetings on time ♦ Engage respectfully with others ♦ Be open to new and differing points of view ♦ Think about the needs of all students, but with a particular focus on equity ♦ Limit discussion to agenda topics ♦ Identify a facilitator, recorder and timekeeper for small group discussions when necessary ♦ Monitor personal technology ♦ Ask questions when clarification is needed.