



BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (DAC) MINUTES

BVSD Education Center
6500 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, CO 80303
January 7, 2020
6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

1. Welcome (Nicole Rajpal, DAC Chair)
 - Meeting was called to order at 6:17PM
 - Minutes of the December Meeting were approved as submitted.
 - DAC Attendance was reviewed by Anna Siepmann (YTD)
 - Attendance is improved over prior years with 75% of schools having good attendance
 - Eight schools have no representative (Gold Hill ES, Mesa ES, Nederland ES, Southern Hills MS, Arapahoe Ridge HS, New Vista HS, Boulder Prep and Boulder Universal)

2. Board of Education Report (Nicole Rajpal for Kitty Sargent)
 - Enrollment for 2019/20 is down 219 students, or 0.7%, from last year
 - [Full enrollment report on BoardDocs](#)
 - [Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee \(CBOC\)](#) Update - Projects are 76% complete, 47 of 63 are completed, expenditures are \$514.6 million, which is within budget.
 - Molly Fitzpatrick, Boulder County Clerk and Recorder gave a presentation about the 2020 election. This year 17 year-olds, who will be 18 by election day, can vote in the primary election. The Board passed a resolution creating a student voter registration week in January.
 - The Board met with some of our state legislators and discussed our legislative priorities.

3. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Rob Anderson)
 - Legislative session starts January 8, 2020. BVSD legislative priorities include: Vaping, Data Privacy, Voter Registration, Charter Authorization, School Finance and Pre-k.
 - [Census 2020](#) – making sure we count everyone
 - Sanitas Academy (SA) Charter School Update
 - [DAC Subcommittee Report](#)
 - District facility study showed lack of capacity to house SA in an existing facility. The district will continue to work with SA in contract negotiations.
 - Upcoming Board Topics for Discussion
 - Career and Technical Education (CTE) initiatives within the Strategic Plan are being fast tracked
 - Funding initiatives are under review
 - Calendar approval process - seeking more community input (February)
 - Strategies and approach for declining enrollment, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) (March)
 - The Ideal School Day and transportation study (April)

4. [BVSD Family Partnerships](#) (Ari Gerzon-Kessler, Director of Equity and Partnerships)
 - Improving school and family partnerships and engaging families that are historically under-represented
 - Strengthening Family Partnerships is one of five most effective ways to improve learning. Some engagement strategies have more impact on student learning than others.
 - Authentic partnerships differ from involving parents in that they rely on two-way communication, and are inclusive and collaborative
 - Four Pillars for Improving Family Partnerships
 - Reciprocal Communication
 - Relationship and Trust
 - Decision-Making and Power Shared with parents
 - Social Emotional Well-Being
 - Home Visits has been one of the more impactful activities this school year
 - 34 Schools have educators who are participating in this program
 - Some schools are making this activity a school wide activity
 - Latino Parent Advisory Council (CAPL) was launched
 - FET – Families and Educators Together is a promising practice
 - Bridging the Digital Divide is focused on improving digital learning
 - 14% of families do not have access to the internet
 - Barriers to access have been addressed with a grant
 - Families get a chrome book at graduation
 - School celebrations:
 - Home visits
 - Positive phone calls, postcards and emails from principals and teachers
 - Flipped back to school nights (dry information shared via video link ahead of time so the evening can be dedicated to building relationships and answering questions
 - Latino parent nights
5. [DAC Budget Recommendations](#) / Priorities (Nicole Rajpal presenting)
 - Budget Draft was presented and reviewed.
 - Discussion centered on how we can improve the budget recommendation process.
 - Most notable success that has occurred was an increase in elementary school counselors for past years.
 - Rob recommended a) walking through budgetary investments and asking questions about funding prior to decisions being made; and b) having a feedback loop regarding how the Board and the District act on DAC recommendations.
 - Suggestion was to get more data from parents integrated into the recommendation process.
 - It was moved, seconded and the motion passed to present the DAC Budget Recommendations as drafted, reviewed and discussed at this meeting.
6. Policy Subcommittee Update (Presented by Chris Hanson – Representing Creekside Elementary)
 - An overview of the AE-R Policy was discussed with the goal in mind to approve the process more than the content.
 - Three tiers of work /recommendations were identified
 - Mission and Purpose in policy to provide clarity. Empowered accountability committees are better able to engage parents in schools.

- Define mechanisms to execute purpose: DAC/SACs needs to be an independent connection point between student needs, school leadership teams, and the school board.
 - Recommend revisions to existing policy
 - Members were encouraged to provide additional feedback to Nicole Rajpal via email.
7. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM

DAC & SAC Information

- [BVSD Strategic Plan Information](#)
- [DAC Website](#) & [Calendar](#)