



DAC Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/19/18, 5:30pm

Location: KCPS BOE Building

Susan Stocking, DAC President

- Welcomed everyone
- Defined what the DAC is about
- Introduced Superintendent Dr. Mark Bedell

Dr. Mark Bedell, Superintendent KCPS

- Thanked Susan for leading the DAC
- The District wants to build this partnership with the DAC and parent advocates
- KCPS is educating parents and community about which schools belong to KCPS vs the Charter and Private schools
- Bedell attended a seminar with other Superintendents to develop more student enrichment opportunities and that every student should have access to:
 - Grade level curriculum
 - Strong engagement
 - Teachers with high expectations
 - Accurate information for their parents
 - Processes that include their parents input into their education

Susan Stocking

- Introduced the DAC Executive Officers Steve Burton (DACX), Lisa Gooden (DACX), Demonte Rochester (DACX), Erick Arreola (DACX), Roland Hemmings (DACX)
- Introduced Samara Crawford-Herrera (Community Partnerships, Advocacy and Engagement Manager), Courtney Adams (Family Engagement Specialist) and Camilla Alvarez
- Asked that each attendee sign-in and note if they are their school's SAC/PTA designated delegate to the DAC
- Each delegate will receive a flash stick with information on the DAC and PTA for presentation to their SAC/PTA members
- Invited all to help DAC by signing up to be on a DAC committee
- Reminded everyone to complete the DAC meeting survey they received and turn it in at the end of the meeting

Gwen Grant, President and CEO of Urban League of KC

- They have a Parent Engagement and Empowerment Center (PEEC)
- Served 75 students last year
- Working to overcome various barriers to parental engagement



- Can help students with many issues such as IEPs, teacher conferences, student discipline coaching, locating work opportunities, etc.
- Julius Wells serves as the lead on their Readiness Program to help students improve ACT scores using an Accelerated Learning Lab
- Ms. Wilkins serves as the lead for Special Projects, which has led to helping 842 people getting employment

Lynette Procopio, KCPS Office of Enterprise Systems

- Oversees the Tyler system (used in over 40 states)
- Partnered with Sprint to provide internet access with flash sticks for all grade 9-12 students and hope to expand to the middle schools
- Introduced Rick Bishop to present Tyler system details
 - Tyler Technologies created the system and allows users to pay bills, view grades, receive notices, note disciplinary incidents, contact teachers thru email, etc.
 - The system is a portal for students and parents
 - Siblings cannot see each other's Tyler records
 - The Tyler system can be accessed via mobile phones or by computer
 - Video instruction is also available
 - All parents have access to their children's records, but must have their user name and password which is available from the district, parents can call the Help Desk at 816-418-7888

Parent Concerns

- Parents indicated some teachers were not entering the student data in a timely fashion
- The district email system is not currently functioning

District Response

- The District will continue to pursue timely data entry by staff
- The District is aware of the email problem and is working on a fix
- The District noted that parents can use the "Let's Talk" link to report these types of issues and responses are tracked to insure accountability

Melissa Douglas, KCPS Office of Students in Transition

- The District has 4 Homeless Liaisons
- Staff members can make referrals, but housing referrals are not part of the program
- Last school year, about 1200 students were served, so far this year about 300 students have been served
- Each school should have an information poster posted that includes DESE contact info



- Two key goals are to get students into school/ stabilize the families and to provide transportation for those students to their assigned schools

Susan Rupert, Missouri PTA President and Christine, Vice President of Field Services

- The PTA advocates for all children to help assure students reach their full potential
- The PTA assists parents with building connections with their school staff and leadership
- Mission Statement is “**PTA is:** a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for all families and communities, and, a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child
- There are 403 PTA Units in Missouri and 17 Councils
- PTA started the “18 and 18” legislation that helps keep minor children out of adult prisons
- The PTA is the largest educational organization in the US
- The National PTA has several programs which include:
 - Schools of Excellence
 - Back to School
 - STEM Families
 - Reflections (a nation-wide arts program)
- How to start a PTA literature is available for each school

Roxana Schaffe, Junior Achievement (JA) Director of Mission Delivery

- KCPS is the JA’s largest partner and served over 7000 KCPS students via 344 mentors at no cost to the District
- JA serves grades K-6 and 9-12, but hopes to expand that footprint
- JA seeks to inspire young people and improve their:
 - Financial literacy
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Work readiness

Susan Stocking and Samara closing comments

- Remember to turn in the survey evaluations
- There will be a College and Career event at Paseo that will include a parent session
- Use social media to follow the District, their school, or Board of Education members
- Sign up to receive “The Plug” newsletter
- The next DAC meeting is scheduled for Dec. 5th with a focus on the Legislative Agenda
- Sign up for a DAC committee

Meeting Adjourned