

DAC Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/5/17, 5:30pm

Location: KCPS BOE Building

Meeting called to order by Miriam King, Acting DAC Chair

- Welcomed everyone
- Explained that current DAC officers (DACX) are interim officers holders due to the lack of attaining a quorum (need 8 DAC delegates for a quorum) during previous election cycles
- New officers will be elected in the Spring of 2018 by identifying official school leaders and their designated school DAC delegate and alternates
- DAC will work with schools that do not have a viable Family and Community Advisory group (advisory groups with their own bylaws) to help insure that DAC delegates are identified
- DAC will continue to work to support and strengthen existing school level family and community advisory groups (SAC, PTA, PTO, other) across the district
- DACX is encouraged by the support being provided by the KCPS Office of Family and Community Engagement leadership, Samara Crawford-Herrera and Yantezia Patrick
- Encouraged attendees and other parent/community leaders to partner with KCPS
- The Board of Education (BOE) has assigned BOE member Matthew Oates as their Liaison to the DAC
- Volunteers to serve on the interim DACX until elections are held were invited to submit their name by providing their contact information on Miriam's DACX sign-in list
- The next DAC meeting on Nov 8th will focus on the future of the DAC's structure and what format it should take to insure an effective parent/community district level organization

Susan Stocking, Acting DAC Officer

- Discussed the need for quality effective school level family/community engagement organizations
- Queried the attendees to identify what school organizations were in attendance
 - 4 high school SACs
 - 2 PTA schools
 - 1 PTO school
- NE High School leader asked for DAC assistance to increase family/community engagement and seeking bridges to create those connections, they currently provide:
 - Parent education center
 - Use Tyler funding to help pay for interpreters
- Attendee noted their school uses phone blasts and emails one day in advance of key school events
- Paseo High School leader advised group that it now has a Parent Room and asked for help with community engagement
- General discussion on various ways different schools engage their parents and communities
- Susan reiterated Miriam's comment about the positive support the Office of Family and Community Engagement has and continues to provide to DACX and the DAC, introduced Samara and Yantezia

Samara Crawford-Herrera, Community Partnerships, Advocacy and Engagement Manager

- Explained her role to increase community engagement
- She and Yantezia had toured about 24 KCPS schools and discussed with those schools administration how their school wants to build parent engagement
- Offered to assist attendees and other schools not present with identifying a parent room at each school for family and community engagement activities
- She and Yantezia have been meeting with DACX to support the DAC's efforts and that information received is communicated to District Leadership
- Noted that DACX had proposed several suggestions for consideration by the district. One example was:

- DACX connected them to United States Tennis Association (USTA) officials to investigate bringing tennis to KCPS and that effort is in process and hopes are to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between USTA and KCPS soon

Yantezia Patrick, Parent and Family Engagement Specialist

- During their school tours and admin discussions, they found that schools have several different forms of family and community engagement organizations
- Noted another DACX suggestion that Samara talked about that they are pursuing:
 - In order to improve teacher development, the DACX recommended KCPS support teacher membership in professional organizations, such as the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), The Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE), The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), and others; to help them enhance their professional contacts, experience (attend conferences), and field of education knowledge. Discussions are underway to initiate this within KCPS after meeting with Trinity Davis (Assistant Superintendent Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development), that could occur this year and continue next year.
- She encouraged attendees that she is available to support parents

General Discussions:

- Looking to help with STEM district wide
- Important to have equity across the district to insure that student experiences and academics within the district are similar. This will help diminish the effects of students that migrate from one school to another within the same school year. In KCPS, the mobility rate is about 40%.
- Attendees requested Samara and Yantezia's contact information and notes from this meeting
- Suggested that DAC use local TV and radio stations to inform parents/community regarding DAC mtgs.

Jennifer Woolfsie, BOE Member-At-Large

- She is the proud alumnus of the DAC
- Reiterated that Matthew Oates is the BOE Liaison to DAC and she tries to attend DAC meetings too
- The BOE wants parents to be part of their Government Relations Committee
- She is considering offering a symposium on creating a school newsletter in an email format. Samara noted that she will do this training.

Closing comments- Miriam King

- Reminded everyone that the next DAC meeting will be at the BOE building on Nov. 8th

Meeting Adjourned