

## **BVSD DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (DAC)**

January 5, 2021 VIRTUAL: Zoom

6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

1. Welcome (Ralph Frid, DAC Chair)
  - a. Meeting as called to order at 6:15 pm
2. Review & Approve Minutes from November 3 Meeting
  - a. approved unanimously with no abstentions
3. Committee Comments - (Nicole Rajpal, DAC Vice-Chair)
  - a. 15 minutes total open – allow up to 1 minute per individual
    - i. Concern raised regarding starting schools on January 19th given recent civil and political unrest.
    - ii. Increased DAC focus on assisting BVSD teachers and staff to access vaccines
    - iii. Requisition for regular and periodic feedback from district and board regarding DAC recommendations and work
    - iv. Need to have concrete deadlines for teacher vaccinations and minimize role of classroom monitors; goal should be returning students to full in-person learning by the end of spring break
    - v. Commend the superintendent and DAC for progress in the district; recognize that this is a process which takes time
    - vi. Appreciate DAC staying on track with responsibilities and Nicole Rajpal's video regarding transparency and accountability; DAC needs to continue to raise issue of supports for socio-emotional well-being and mental health
4. Board of Education Report (Kitty Sargent, Board Liaison)
  - a. Board appreciates the work DAC is doing and appreciates that DAC wants more feedback
  - b. Priority setting meeting in December
  - c. Updates:
    - i. Reintroduction plan
    - ii. BVEA contract negotiations
    - iii. Transportation study
    - iv. Community Conversations regarding end of SRO program
    - v. Budget process for 2021-22
    - vi. Strategic plan phase I & II
    - vii. New Vista Construction was delayed
    - viii. Meeting with city councils served by BVSD
    - ix. Policy review is ongoing (5-year cycle)

- x. Enrollment is down more than expected (down 1600 students) - expect that next year's kindergarten class will be large
- xi. Redistricting has been approved
  - 1. Link: ????
- xii. Contracts for Boulder Preparatory and Justice High Schools have been extended for 1 year because of pandemic.
- xiii. Policy KFB/KF have been updated - all community groups will pay the same rental rates (no exceptions)
- xiv. Reviewed Sanchez Elementary priority improvement plan
- d. Addressed questions on impact of policy changes, goal of city council meetings, impact of pandemic & vaccines on BVEA negotiations, legislative priorities in upcoming session, and impact of redistricting. Clarification regarding need for feedback and impact/change, not recognition regarding DAC recommendations and work

5. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Rob Anderson)

- a. Schools are returning to in-person learning
  - i. Jan 5 - Currently elementary schools are back 4 days a week
  - ii. One week later - Middle Schools are back 2 days a week
  - iii. Following week - High Schools are back 2 days a week
- b. District is following state vaccination prioritization schedules
  - i. [www.Covid19.colorado.gov](http://www.Covid19.colorado.gov)
  - ii. Superintendents met with Governor to discuss teacher's position in prioritization
  - iii. Watching case rates and vaccine availability
- c. Addressed questions regarding enrollment loss and planning for returns, plan for making-up/catching-up students, exemption statuses for teachers as vaccines become available, prioritization for return to in-person learning, and proportion of students who remain in online learning.

6. Mental Health Update ((BVSD Student Support Services Team)

- a. District takes a layered approach to addressing mental health needs
- b. All schools have mental health counselors working with teachers, small groups, and individual students
- c. Mental health advocates, interventionists, and engagement specialists communicate with teacher and parents to support students
- d. District is engaging in more home visits, providing food access, and coordinating with community services (including community psychologists/social workers) than ever before
- e. Will be developing catch-up plan to address mental health and academic needs for during pandemic and after, and onboarding for building climate/culture in classrooms and providing resources/resources available upon return to in-person learning

- f. Questions addressed regarding RISE program, mental health of high achieving and not traditional high-risk students, high school mental health need and supports, outreach and access to community resources, how capitalizing on available resources, and how DAC can continue to support/understand student mental health needs
7. UIP Update (Jonathan Dings, Exec. Dir, Assessment/Prgm Eval)
- a. UP process occurs every 2 years and DAC is mandated to provide advice/feedback regarding UIP preparation and content
  - b. UIP is organized around 3 issues
    - i. Priority Performance Challenges
    - ii. Root Causes
    - iii. Major Improvement Strategies
    - iv. Presentation Slides Link: ????
    - v. UIP will focused on implementation benchmarks and timeline for when will see impact in data
  - c. More detailed UIP will be provided at later meeting for DAC Feedback
  - d. Questions addressed regarding timeline, type of feedback desired from DAC, review timeline, and deadline for presentation to board
8. Budget Recommendations for 2021 (Ralph Frid, DAC Chair)
- a. 2021 Budget Report Slides for presentation to School Board at January Meeting
  - b. Top Priorities identified by SAC Budget Survey
    - i. Theme 1 - Tiered system of supports for schools and alignment model for instruction that is challenging and engaging for all
    - ii. Theme 4 - Positive and inclusive culture
    - iii. Theme 2 - Customized support and resource allocation
    - iv. Theme 3 - Family engagement and community partnerships
  - c. Significant racial/ethnic and socio-economic achievement gaps are present in the data and have been widening
  - d. Underperforming schools also see smallest student growth
  - e. School academic performance highly correlated with with school race/ethnicity and socio-economic status
  - f. Keys to addressing these issues are transparency and accountability; clear goals, measurable outcomes, reports on progress to DAC and key stakeholders
  - g. Recommendations from Budget and Finance committee to present and provide report and executive summary to Board at Jan 12 meeting approved unanimously
9. Adjournment
- a. 8:46 pm

