

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEVEN

Dr. Michael J. Thomas, Superintendent
Phoebe Bailey, Assistant Superintendent
District Accountability Committee (DAC)
DAC Website: <http://www.d11.org/dac>

DAC Meeting Notes October 18, 2018

Members In attendance:

Parth Melpakam, Wendy Chiado, Vicky McLaughlin, Darleen Daniels, Carol Nuss, Velvet Stepanek, Staci Ruddy, Joseph Mezzofante, Esther Smith, Carla Scott, Amanda Hawkins, LynDel Randash, Aaron Ford, Chris Kilroy, Cynthe Winebrinner, Lyman Kaiser, Bob Null, Sally Sue Coddington, Chyrese Exline, Victoria Henderson, Jan Rennie, Ed Plute, Phoebe Bailey, Trudy Tool

Guests in attendance:

Board Directors Theresa Null, Nora Brown and Julie Ott, Tamara Sobin, Frank Lee, Glenn Gustafson, John McCarron, Scott Lewis, Jim Hastings

Welcome – Dr. Parth Melpakam, DAC Chair

The regular meeting of the DAC Committee was called to order at 6:00pm by Dr. Parth Melpakam, Chair. Dr. Melpakam welcomed everyone in attendance, including the Board members and guests that were present. Dr. Melpakam updated on the following:

- Work session with the BOE was held on October 3rd. The DAC/DAC Accreditation Subcommittee presented a letter/document that included initial observations, notable achievements and suggestions. The letter and document are in the hand-out for this meeting. Dr. Melpakam thanked Dr. Janeen Demi-Smith, Dr. Paul Medina and Eric Mason for providing the data for the letter.
- Mr. Jeremy Koselak provided a current list of ACT schools and it can be found on the last page of the DAC hand-outs.
- Dr. Melpakam mentioned that the October DAC newsletter was contained in the hand-out packet and it can also be found on the DAC website at:
<https://www.d11.org/cms/lib/CO02201641/Centricity/Domain/538/October%202018.pdf>
- Penrose Elementary School had a 2nd Grade Project Based Learning (PBL) event on October 12th. Dr. Melpakam and Trudy Tool attended. There will be a 4th grade Escape Room PBL event on November 9th.
- Dr. Melpakam officially introduced the new DAC liaison, Phoebe Bailey-Assistant Superintendent-Personnel Support Services. Ms Bailey shared some background information about herself, and what her roles she has had in the 25 years she has been in District 11.
- Dr. Melpakam announced that it was ESP Appreciation Week and thanked Trudy Tool for her assistance and presented a gift from the DAC.
- Dr. Melpakam introduced John McCarron and Jim Hastings

2017 MLO Amendment – PIP 4 – John McCarron/Jim Hastings

- Originally it was planned to add five (5) School Resource Officers (SROs) for middle schools during the 2020-2021 school year. When discussing this plan with the Colorado Springs Police Department the conclusion was made that it wouldn't work to do all five at once.
- A request was made to have early phasing and add 2 additional SROs in August of 2019 with the additional three in August of 2020.
- The financing is coming from PIP 10-MLO that was approved by the Board. This will include a one time only transfer.
- Questions from the DAC:
 - Why can't we look at adding now instead of August 2019?
 - The ability to add additional officers needs to correspond with CSPD hiring
 - Which schools will the SROs be responsible for?
 - The officers will be split between the Middle Schools – with one roving SRO
- A formal motion was made to move forward with the plan
 - Recommended by Wendy Chiado
 - Seconded by Joseph Mezzofante
 - A vote was taken – 20 for, 2 opposed
- For more details please see hand-outs

Dr. Melpakam introduced Scott Lewis

2017 MLO Amendments – PIP 8 – Scott Lewis

- Mr. Lewis explained that each project contained in the PIP 8, Facilities Projects have their own story. He explained the following projects:
 - Roy J Wasson Academic Campus – Drinking water pipes
 - Mitchell HS – Gym roof
 - District-wide – Hardware replacement for fire code
 - Doherty HS – Gym floor replacement
 - Coronado HS – Boiler and pump replacement
 - Mitchell HS – Fire alarm
- A formal motion was made to move forward with the plan
 - Recommended by Wendy Chiado
 - Seconded by Jan Rennie
 - A vote was taken – all in favor
- For more details please see hand-outs

Dr. Melpakam introduced Director Nora Brown

Amendment 73 Factual Summary – Nora Brown

- Mrs. Brown discussed the following:
 - What is Amendment 73?
 - How would it impact funding for Colorado Springs District 11?
 - How is funding stabilized and raised?
 - How will the revenue be spent?
 - How are property taxes for other local governments impacted?
 - Will the drop in property tax rates hurt school funding?
 - What percentage of tax filers will be impacted in El Paso county and by how much?
- Director Brown went over the arguments for and against this Amendment
- For more details please see hand-outs

Coperni 3 Charter School Review Update – Dr. Wendy Chiado

- Dr. Chiado indicated that the DAC Charter School Review committee met on October 1st and October 16th. The next meeting is scheduled for October 30th.
- Dr. Chiado presented an overview of the Coperni 3 Charter School application that included:
 - It will be a K-8 school intended to enroll students primarily in the 80909 zip code of Colorado Springs (neighborhoods surrounding the Citadel Mall area and including the Mark Twain Elementary School enrollment area).
 - Coperni 3 desires to serve an area of Colorado Springs that has a high concentration of poverty and/or disadvantaged students.
 - If approved, Coperni 3 would be the second school of the Third Future Schools network. The first of the Third Future Schools is operating in Aurora, Colorado
 - Coperni 3 will start with grades K-6, with approximately 60 students per grade in August 2019. The following school year (2020-2021) they will add sixty 7th graders, and then sixty 8th graders one year later.
- The District Accountability Committee (DAC) can recommend one of four options to the Board of Education:
 - Approve
 - Approve with conditions – two types of conditions
 - Deny
 - Refer to Charter School Institute (CSI)
- The DAC Charter School Subcommittee is a seven member subcommittee that includes:
 - Three parents including one charter school parent
 - Two community members
 - One charter school teacher
 - One special advisor (Charter School Principal)
- Dr. Chiado discussed:
 - The review process

- Duplication of Services within D11 boundaries
- Highlights of Subcommittee review
- Other DAC concerns
- Timeline and next steps
- For more details see Dr. Chiado's PowerPoint presentation in the hand-outs

Family Learning Institute – Joseph Mezzofante

- Mr. Mezzofante explained about the Family Learning Institute that will be taking place on October 30, 2018 at Jenkins Middle School from 6:00 – 8:00pm. The goal of the Family Learning Institute is to actively engage parents, guardians and community members on hot topics in education, meeting the needs of the school, community and district.
- The topics will be:
 - Anxiety in Students
 - Child Safety
 - Cyber Bullying & Social Media
 - Human Trafficking

Budget Subcommittee Report – Jan Rennie

- Mrs. Rennie gave a brief update on what the subcommittee discussed at the meeting on October 8, 2018. This was only the 2nd time the committee has met this school year. Some of the topics that were discussed are:
 - DAC Budget Subcommittee charges
 - Amendment 73
 - How declining enrollment will affect the budget

Training & SAC Support Subcommittee Report – Lyman Kaiser

- Mr. Kaiser indicated that the Training & SAC Support Subcommittee is ready for the next SAC training that will occur on November 8, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00pm at Tesla.
- The topics that will be presented are:
 - Capturing Kid's Hearts
 - School Budget 101
 - Galileo K-12 (October Test Results)
 - MTSS Early Warning System
 - Division of Achievement, Learning & Leadership – What's new

2018 SPF/DPF & Accreditation Subcommittee Report – Dr. Ed Plute

- Dr. Plute didn't have the opportunity to give his report. All of the information and documentation can be found in the meeting hand-outs on the DAC website.

Miscellaneous

- LouAnn Dekleva briefly discussed “Saluting America”. Schools will be honoring veterans in numerous ways, such as tribute cards, breakfasts and programs in honor of Veterans Day. A full list of activities at the schools will be posted on the District website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

T & SS Meetings, December 4, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, Garden Level Conference Room

SAC Training, November 8, February 1, April 5, Tesla

DAC Meetings, November 15, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, Tesla