



Colorado Springs School District 11
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DAC Budget Subcommittee

Web page: [District Accountability Committee \(DAC\)](#)
Chairman Michael Reyes
Vice-Chair Amanda Huber

Meeting Notes

September 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.
@WebEx & In-Person

Members present: Jan Rennie, Clara Hoellerbauer, Amanda Huber, Carl Schueler, Ken Pfeil, Bruce Cole, Sandra Park, Kathy Box, Robert Grossman, Colleen Pearl and Trish Nixon

Members absent: Michael Reyes, Cynthia Bernard, LuAnn Long, Connor Sargent, Bob Null, Donna Ecks, Jenny Courtier and Karin Lindt

Ex-officio members present: Brian Cortez, Laura Hronik, Velvet Stepanik, Amber Hickman, Parth Melpakam and Kristin Watkins

1. Welcome & Introductions Huber

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda Huber

The meeting agenda was approved with no changes.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes: 5/6/21 Huber

The meeting notes were approved with no changes.

4. Presentation: ESSER Funds Watkins

Kristin Watkins reviewed her PowerPoint Presentation regarding the use/plans for ESSER 1, 2 and 3. Her presentation included; an breakdown of ESSER 1 funds and the associated allowable uses, an breakdown of ESSER 2 funds and the associated allowable uses, and an breakdown of ESSER 3 funds and the associated allowable uses. Her presentation was embedded with discussions, which included, how Charters receive their fair share of these funds, Counselor hiring difficulties, plans to evaluate effectiveness of these programs after 1 year of implementation, the decision making for how these funds would be used happened through district leadership and an committee, if these plans can be revised, teacher staffing shortages, questions regarding the costs and specifics related to the air exchange cost line item, concerns regarding the community involvement in the planning/allocation of these funds, grant planning and execution specifics, wanting to see supporting evidence to the effectiveness of these grants allocations, ESSER revisions deadline specifics, wanting to be involved sooner in the grant planning process, and finally requesting to see an more detailed breakdown of the air exchange ESSER line item.

5. Update: First Meeting DACBC Audit Task Force Box/Long

Laura Hronik updated the committee about the first DACBC Audit Task Force meeting, which included meeting with the auditors to go over the pre-audit letter and the goals/ outcomes of the external audit. The

task force will be meeting one more time with the auditors, after the audit is complete to go over the audit findings. After the second meeting, the Audit Task Force will do an second update to the DACBC to discuss/go over what was discussed at that meeting.

6. Adjourn
7:20 p.m.

Huber