

Colorado Springs School District 11
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DAC Budget Subcommittee

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Chairman Michael Reyes

Meeting Notes

March 3, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Administration Building Board Room

Members present: Chair Michael Reyes, Vice-Chair Jan Rennie, Clara Hoellerbauer, Amanda Huber, Carl Schueler, Bruce Cole, Donna Ecks, Sandra Park, Ken Pfeil, Jason Rockwood, Trish Nixon, Kathy Box, Bob Null

Members absent: Pete Lee, Jenny Courtier, Robert Grossman, Karin Lindt, Colleen Pearl

Ex-officio members present: Glenn Gustafson and Anna Monroe

Guests: Dr. Parth Melpakam, Julie Ott, Duane Roberson, Conner Sargent

The meeting began at 6:00 PM. Chairman Reyes asked the committee to begin by approving the agenda for the evening. Members Ms. Nixon and Mr. Rockwood seconded the motion.

We then opened the floor to Duane Roberson, the Director Career & Technical Ed., to give a presentation on concurrent enrollment and dual credit at District 11. He first provided a CDE document that explained the difference between concurrent enrollment and dual credit. He also provided a PowerPoint that he reviewed. During the PowerPoint presentation, he explained how district is wanting to make a shift towards concurrent enrollment for several reasons. Some of those reasons include costs and providing equity of the courses to students throughout the district.

After speaking about concurrent enrollment and dual credit specifically, Mr. Roberson continued the presentation by talking about the improvements within the district related to several programs and groups, including increased participation of D11 students in early college programs, nursing, dropout recovery efforts, English Language Learners, internships, job shadows, certifications, and outdoor education leadership.

After the conclusion of Mr. Roberson's presentation, Glenn Gustafson began his review of the FY21 PBDA and other budget assumptions. He explained that these assumptions are not final, and there will be changes as the fiscal year continues. These budget assumptions included several upcoming changes and adjustments, including future changes to compensation budgets, additional revenues that the district has received this fiscal year, district vacancies, pupil count projections, retirement differentials, and health care costs. He explained the circumstances surrounding each of these topics in detail.

Included in the budget assumptions discussion were the Proposed FY21 budget modifications. Mr. Gustafson explained each of these modification requests, providing the committee information regarding the need, the cost, and the intended uses. He also explained that the district is trying to make strategic investments to improve education, equity, and plan long term for its students and faculty, and all of these requests have been thoroughly analyzed to ensure that they fit into the D11 mission and strategic plan. There are currently five modifications being considered. These include:

1. Restore Non-Instructional Budgets
2. Re-Open Longfellow Building As New Tesla Campus
3. Audit Costs, Grant Development & Writing, Procurement Bonfire Software
4. Choice Busing
5. Board Appointed Committee ESP Pay

After Mr. Gustafson's presentation concluded, Chairman Reyes brought up the AVID program that the committee has discussed at prior meetings. After asking the committee for recommendations, the list was provided to them, and we intend to discuss them at the next meeting.

Chairman Reyes moved to accept the meeting notes from February 11th, 2020. Two confirmed members seconded the motion and the notes were approved. They will be posted to the DAC web page on the District 11 website as well as on the subcommittee's Office 365 page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the administration building boardroom.