

Colorado Springs School District 11
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DAC Budget Subcommittee

Web page: [District Accountability Committee \(DAC\)](#)
Chairman John Roebke

Meeting Notes

October 10, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Deborah Boisselle, Jamie Cushenbery, Bob Miner, Kim Polomka, Jan Rennie, John Roebke, and Carl Schueler

Members absent: Lara Crowell, Andrew Hug, Trish Nixon, Bob Null, and Toni Seberger

Ex-officio members present: Laura Hronik, Ken Wieck, and Becky Moore

Member candidates present: Dan Fox, Michael Reyes, and Elisa Villarruel

Chairman John Roebke brought the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members and member candidates were welcomed. Introductions were made around the room, as there are two more parents interested in joining the subcommittee. At this time there was not a quorum of voters to approve the September 26 meeting notes. Approval was tabled to the next meeting on October 24, 2017.

Chairman Roebke stated there was no DAC update as the committee will not meet until next week. He pointed out that recruitment is ramping up.

Mr. Wieck's update on budget processes included current numbers for the student count. The official count took place on October 2 and the initial report shows the District is down by 66 students from projection. The reduction is driven by the elementary schools, according to the report. The reduced numbers as well as an increase in charter school enrollment could impact funding for the District's traditional schools. The group would like to see the latest numbers and have a link to the District's web page to see this information.

In addition, permits in and out of the District were discussed and if there are exit interviews or surveys. The subcommittee discussed the reasons why parents opt their students into or out of the District. An inquiry will be made for any existing report that may be available addressing these questions.

Mr. Roebke reviewed the additional charge that the subcommittee would like to bring forward to the DAC and then the Board of Education. There was much discussion regarding the athletic fees themselves, how the amounts are determined, how at risk amounts are determined, and athletic revenue. Ms. Cushenbery pointed out the revenue comparison found in the adopted budget on page 60, which indicates a decline in revenue.

The group turned to discussion of what information regarding the District's five-year capital plan might be requested. The subcommittee would like for the executive director, Mr. Scott Lewis, to prioritize the needs as he sees them, to include the entire district, up to at least \$10 million. There was interest in knowing how the list would be different if the mill levy override (MLO) does is not passed by the voters in November. The requests will be forwarded to the Mr. Lewis for preparation in attending the next meeting of the subcommittee on October 24, 2017. Other areas of discussion with Mr. Lewis might include white fleet replacement, past costs of upgrading athletic fields, North Middle School air conditioning project, Adams renovations, and the replacement of building door locks project.

Other topics of discussion included

- All school fees, the subcommittee would like to see the school fees that have been approved for the 2017-18 school year
- Impact of MLO passage and this subcommittee's minimal involvement in spending plans
 - The subcommittee was reminded that Jan Rennie is the DAC representative to the current Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee
 - Possible formation of a second mill levy override oversight committee for the new MLO or use of the existing MLO Oversight Committee
- Safety in the school buildings – worn carpets, old heating systems, etc.
- Details of the building plan such as cost effectiveness of new LCD lighting compared to traditional lighting in buildings
- Different types of electrical wiring

The meeting ended with topics for next meeting's discussion. Mr. Scott Lewis will be visiting with the subcommittee to discuss capital plans.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District 11 boardroom.