

Colorado Springs School District 11
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DAC Budget Subcommittee

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

Meeting Notes

January 9, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Deborah Boisselle, Bruce Cole, Lara Crowell, Jamie Cushenbery, Tom Hunt, Bob Miner, Trish Nixon, Bob Null, Ken Pfeil, Kim Polomka, Jan Rennie, Michael Reyes, John Roebke, Toni Seberger. and Elisa Villarruel

Members absent: Dan Fox, Andrew Hug, AJ LaFrancis, Pete Lee, and Carl Schueler

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

Guests: DAC chairman Dr. Parth Melpakam, Board of Education Director Ms. Nora Brown and Board of Education Treasurer Ms. Julie Ott

Chairman John Roebke brought the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members were welcomed. Ms. Boisselle made a motion to approve the meeting notes from December 12, 2017. Ms. Cushenbery seconded the motion. The notes will be posted to the DAC web page.

Because the DAC has not met since November, there was no update to report. There was a brief announcement regarding the Office 365 site for the subcommittee and folks were urged to get signed up if they had not already done so. Mr. Hunt reminded everyone to contact him this evening if there were any issues.

Mr. Roebke discussed his recent tour of General William Mitchell High School with Principal Carlos Perez, Athletic Director Brett Williams, and Executive Director Scott Lewis. This tour was an inspection of the maintenance issues at the school. These included

- Regular maintenance and upkeep
- Revisiting the maintenance priority list
- Possible staff shortage for work through Facilities
- Safety issues with the floor in the gymnasium
- Roof replacement
- Roof and ceiling leaks
- Walkway cover leaks which are shorting out the lights
- Painting

It was suggested that a video of the school's maintenance issues be made for the subcommittee to review. Further suggestion was made to video issues at all schools for the subcommittee to review. Suggestions for tours or site visits of various schools by this subcommittee were brought about and a point was made that these issues are not within the scope of this subcommittee but rather left up to the District's Facilities Department and any committee associated there.

Mr. Wieck turned the subcommittee to budget update for 2018-19 as well as the current year. He told the group that the pupil projections from the Enrollment Office were received and the projection showed another decline. Mr. Wieck pointed out that the state changed the per pupil funding rate at the mid-year to a lower number. He also discussed the rise in the District's mill rate and the mill levy override transfers. Mr. Wieck reviewed the specific ownership tax (SO tax) and that this too has increased at this time. The SO tax is not a sustainable funding source due to its rise or fall each year. With the SO tax increase as well as the more robust state economy, there is an increase in revenue at this time. Pages 3, 7-10, 30, and 36-39 from the mid-year budget modifications budget document were reviewed with the group.

The members discussed the summer enrichment series report. Questions raised were addressed in the report and the only comment was the question of had consideration been taken in lengthening the day. The members were encouraged to read the entire report for further information.

The subcommittee also reviewed the capacity report. There was concern about the permits-out at the high schools especially and the subcommittee would like to know if there is any data as to why students permit out (survey?).

Mr. Roebke introduced Ms. Julie Ott, the new Board of Education treasurer, to the subcommittee. The members introduced themselves around the room. Ms. Ott was encouraged to attend the subcommittee's meetings when she is able.

Mr. Roebke asked each member, in turn, to comment on anything they would like to before the subcommittee for discussion before adjourning. Topics included:

- Turn-around schools – what funding is being used to help them improve their performance
- Tracking the return on investment from large or expensive programs
- Impact analysis of programs such as Capturing Kids Hearts
- Continuing programs that were successful but originally grant-funded
- Further discussion of videos of schools' maintenance and infrastructure and site visits

Mr. Gustafson wanted to inform the subcommittee about supplemental funding from the state. It is highly unusual to receive additional funding but is partially a result of marijuana revenue. The amount will be one-time and small, the estimate is between \$200,000 and \$300,000. He also pointed out that he will be bringing forth a special budget balancing tool when the subcommittee takes up the preliminary budget development assumptions review in February.

At the next meeting of the subcommittee topics of discussion will include marketing tools review, testing fees review, and 2016-17 budget modifications follow-up.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the District 11 boardroom.