

**Colorado Springs School District 11**  
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**DAC Budget Subcommittee**

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

**Meeting Notes**  
February 27, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Deborah Boisselle, Jamie Cushenbery, Dan Fox, Tom Hunt, AJ LaFrancis, Trish Nixon, Kim Polomka, Jan Rennie, Michael Reyes, John Roebke, Carl Schueler, Toni Seberger, and Elisa Villarruel

**Members absent:** Bruce Cole, Lara Crowell, Andrew Hug, Pete Lee, Bob Miner, and Bob Null

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

**Guests:** DAC chairman Dr. Parth Melpakam and DAC member Lyman Kaiser

Trish Nixon brought the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members were welcomed. Chairman Roebke arrived to call for approval of the meeting notes from February 13, 2018. Ms. Rennie made a motion to approve the meeting notes and Ms. Nixon seconded the motion. The notes will be posted to the DAC web page and the subcommittee's Office 365 page.

The DAC update from February 15, 2018 included:

- Presentation regarding the Achieve Team by Jeremy Koselak
- Uniform District Improvement Plan review

The group was told that there is a board of education work session scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018 to discuss the preliminary budget development assumptions. The budget subcommittee may attend with its recommendations to present to the Board. The schedule for the preliminary budget development assumptions with the Board is non-action on March 14, work session on March 21, and action on April 11.

Mr. Roebke began the evening by looking over the previously submitted questions regarding the 2018-19 budget modification forms (BMF).

- **PSS-2** Increase in ESP Council Budget
  - This BMF was reduced from \$25,000 to \$10,000. The group debated the merits of the reduction and unanimously voted to approve this request and to restore it to the original amount.
- **TS-8** Laptops for high school teachers and students
  - This BMF merited much discussion. While the subcommittee as a whole was not opposed to this request, it was felt much more information was needed before the subcommittee could make a recommendation. A request for the Assistant Superintendent and Chief Information Officer Mr. John McCarron to address the group at the next meeting to answer questions. The group felt that this is a huge leap forward and needed more discussion.
- **SUP-2** Enrollment Incentive to Schools
  - This BMF was seen as not well thought through and may generate bad publicity with the media. The group wanted to see a plan in place. They were told that the rules for this distribution were not yet set and that any suggestions from this committee would be welcomed. There was discussion surrounding schools refusing to permit student in and attracting families with programs rather than money. Many members felt that permitting students in should be a directive rather than an incentive. All members voted to opposed this BMF but would like to consider again if more information is provided.

- **EXEC-3** Providing School Supplies
  - This BMF was briefly discussed but not voted on.
- **BS-4** Administrative assistant for mill levy override
  - This BMF was not discussed.

Other BMFs discussed were the following:

- **TS-7** Network Upgrades
  - This BMF was reviewed in light of BMF TS-8. It was noted that not all of the high schools have adequate wireless access to support TS-8 and the subcommittee wondered if this request would help to eliminate this issue at the affected schools.
- **EXEC-3** Providing School Supplies
  - This BMF was discussed but not voted on.
- **BS-3** Additional Work Order Funding
  - This BMF was briefly discussed but not voted on.
- **BS-4** Roof Repair at General William Mitchell High School
  - This BMF was discussed extensively but was voted on and approved by all.

To recap the voting: PSS-2 and BS-4 were unanimously voted in favor of funding as well as restoring PSS-2 to the original request of \$25,000. SUP-2 was unanimously rejected by vote but would be considered again if better detail is provided. No other BMF discussed was voted on.

Other topics of discussion at the meeting included the following:

- Laptops in use by all students at both Francis L. Sabin and Horace Mann Middle Schools. This was brought about due to the discussion of BMF TS-8.
- Discussion of facility repairs needed at Mitchell High School other than the roof (BS-4).
- A request for better organization of the meeting to review the budget modification requests.
- Better to discuss BMFs from the actual request form rather than from the summary. Forms have detail.
- School tours of facility conditions of schools may be submitted as a charge for the next school year, unable to fulfill this year.

The subcommittee decided to meet again next Tuesday, March 6, 2018 to wrap up the budget modification requests review. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DAC Budget Subcommittee is Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting: March 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the administration building board room.**