

Colorado Springs School District 11
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DAC Budget Subcommittee

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Chairman Jan Rennie

Meeting Notes

October 23, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Sally Sue Coddington, Lara Crowell, Bruce Cole, Donna Ecks, Clara Hoellerbauer, Tom Hunt, Sandra Park, Jan Rennie, Michael Reyes, Carl Schueler, Toni Seberger, and Elisa Villarruel

Members absent: Pete Lee, Trish Nixon, Bob Null, and Kim Polomka

Ex-officio members present: Laura Hronik and Becky Moore

Guests: DAC Chairman Dr. Parth Melpakam, Board of Education Director Ms. Julie Ott, and Achieve On-line student Chris Reyes

Chairman Rennie brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Rennie asked for approval of the agenda. Ms. Villarruel made the motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Seberger and all in favor.

The DAC update informed the subcommittee about changes to the 2017 MLO going before the board, updates on the gymnasium floors at both General William Mitchell High School and General William J. Palmer High School. The committee also discussed Amendment 73 on this year's general election ballot and the new charter school application for Coperni 3.

Ms. Hronik's budget update had no new information for the subcommittee.

The subcommittee looked over each of the academic programs in charge three, beginning with the AVID or Advancement Via Individual Determination. Of note was the following:

- College preparatory program but student does not earn college credits
- AVID is a selective process
- Not utilized at all district schools
- Strategies may be employed throughout a school, not just in AVID electives
- Parent involvement required
- AVID evolving with changes in instructional methods and college expectations
- Student buy-in, elementary to middle school to high school to AVID certificate
- College enrollment of AVID students and student second-year retention

The group moved to the IB or International Baccalaureate program for review. Discussion centered around the following:

- IB is found at Midland International Elementary, North Middle School and Palmer High School
- At grade 11, students decide if they are diploma bound
- District 11 pays for the IB exams
- Administrative duties are high, schools are audited and must retain accreditation with IB program
- Student buy-in, elementary to middle school to high school to IB diploma
- Value of skills
- IB relationship to "Permits In" for the District
- District 11 does not offer the IB "career-related" program

The members turned to the AP or Advanced Placement program. Noting that this is also college preparatory, discussion points included the following:

- All district high schools offer AP classes
- AP courses may overlap with concurrent enrollment
- District 11 pays for the exams – scoring is one to five with three or higher a passing score
- Some colleges do not accept AP tests or demand higher than a score of three
- The program aligns with the SAT test
- Pre-AP helps to align the courses
- Students may take the AP test but are not required to take the related course

Ms. Rennie told the subcommittee that she has been in touch with Dr. Medina in Educational Data and Student Support regarding the summer enrichment series. He reported to her that the statistics for the program will be available next month for the subcommittee to review.

The subcommittee expressed continued interest in studying CU Succeed and CU Gold as part of this charge for comparison, overlap and the impact these programs.

Topics and questions for each program facilitator and other school participants may include the following related to:

Costs

- Licensing and related fees
- Staff salaries and benefits
 - Teachers
 - TOSAs
 - ESP
 - Tutors
 - Administrators
- Materials
- Professional development
- Exam and testing fees

Students

- Enrollment in programs
- Graduates of programs
- Class sizes
- College enrollments and continuation rates
- In-state and out-of-state acceptance of IB, AVID, and AP certificates or diplomas earned
- Exam/test scores and student GPA
- Diploma or certificate earned rates
- Elementary to middle to high school to diploma/certificate

Other

- Requirements meet new graduation requirements
- Program strategies align with 21st century skills
- Student buy-in with test/exams
- Staff buy-in with professional development demands
- Program comparisons for effectiveness
- Marketing of these programs to recruit and retain students

Approval of the meeting notes for September 25, 2018 and October 9, 2018 meetings was next. Mr. Reyes moved to approve the September 25 meeting notes, seconded by Mr. Schueler and all in favor. Mr. Reyes moved to approve the October 9 meeting notes, seconded by Mr. Hunt and all in favor. The meeting notes will be posted to the DAC web page on the District 11 web site.

The subcommittee's agenda topics for November 13, 2018 will include review of the Summer Enrichment Series data, if available, and the subcommittee will begin review of the 2019 mid-year budget update to the Board of Education.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the administration building boardroom.