

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

Web page: [District Accountability Committee \(DAC\)](#)  
Chairman Jan Rennie

**Meeting Notes**

April 23, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Administration Building Board Room

**Members present:** Bruce Cole, Donna Ecks, Clara Hoellerbauer, Tom Hunt, Bob Null, Jan Rennie, Michael Reyes, Carl Schueler, and Elisa Villarruel

**Members absent:** Sally Sue Coddington, Lara Crowell, Pete Lee, Trish Nixon Sandra Park, and Kim Polomka

**Ex-officio members present:** Laura Hronik and Becky Moore

**Guests:** Board of Education Treasurer Ms. Julie Ott and DAC Chairman Dr. Parth Melpakam

Chairman Rennie brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Rennie asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Reyes made the motion to move forward with the agenda, seconded by Mr. Null.

The meeting commenced with a review of the final preliminary budget development assumptions (PBDA) spreadsheet, as approved by the Board of Education on April 10, 2019. Ms. Hronik pointed out the changes from the previously presented PBDA. Of note was moving the utilities increase from non-recurring to recurring, restructuring at the Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus, and a change of adding back 1.0 FTE to the administration ESP. Ms. Hronik also talked about upcoming legislation and legislation that has already been passed by the Colorado general assembly and signed by the governor. The revenues are still undetermined but the subcommittee will be updated as soon as concrete numbers are available. She also spoke to the projected mismatch. The members asked for the names of the schools that will be getting the new preschool classrooms. This information will be emailed to the subcommittee members.

The next topic of discussion was membership for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Rennie expressed her interest in remaining the chairman but encouraged anyone on the subcommittee who might be interested in the seat to contact her or Dr. Melpakam. A sheet was passed around the room for members to indicate their interest in participating again next year. Those not in attendance will receive an email request to confirm their membership for next year.

Ms. Rennie brought the end of year report to the subcommittee for discussion. Included in the discussion were proposed charge topics for next year. The group felt that there were topics from the current year that had not yet been thoroughly reviewed and perhaps should continue into next year. These included reviewing programs concurrent enrollment CU Success and CU Gold. The subcommittee would like to look deeper into redundancy or repetitiveness with these programs and expected outcomes or goals. They would include advance placement (AP) with this review. The subcommittee wants to see the outcome of unexpected events such as the high decline in enrollment and resulting budget reductions, direction of the new strategic plan, and budget modification requests.

Also proposed was review of budget-related strategic plan goals, examining any area of the new plan that impacts the budget and exploring innovations implemented in order to meet the challenges of the budget. There was a call for continuing to examine the summer enrichment program and to monitor the progress of the new pre-AP program.

Members of the subcommittee would like to note changes to the summer enrichment program and make recommendations and make recommendations regarding the advancement via individual determination program in their report to the Board.

Other topics of discussion included:

- Growing the Wasson campus instead of reducing
- Putting out a Wasson “push” using a similar model employed by house hunting on-line
- Aggressive marketing of D11’s innovations and special programs
- June modifications, due this Thursday, for last minute requests
  - Funding free after-school enrichment at James Monroe and Mark Twain Elementary Schools
  - Funding for rebranding the District
  - Others unknown yet to come

The meeting notes from April 9, 2019 were next for approval. Mr. Schueler entered a motion for approval and Mr. Reyes seconded and the notes were approved. The notes will be posted to the DAC web page on the District web site. Dr. Melpakam spoke to the subcommittee regarding DAC activity. April’s meeting included presentation from Human Resources regarding staffing formulas and processes by Ms. Dani Ewen and Mr. Gustafson updated the DAC on the budget’s progress. The final meeting will be on May 16, 2019 with year-end wrap up and recruitment. The DAC is looking for a chair and vice-chair for next year.

Topics for the next meeting will include year-end wrap, updated “green sheet,” and finalizing the year-end report to the Board of Education. The report will be presented at the Board’s work session on June 5, 2019 by Dr. Melpakam. Subcommittee members are encouraged to attend in support of their report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the administration building boardroom.**