

## Jeffco Schools District Accountability Committee April 17, 2018 Minutes

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### Present:

Lorri Avery, Victoria Boyd, Barbara Brooks, Tom Dougherty, Jim Earley, Carsten Engebretsen, Jill Fellman, Deb Guiducci, Nancy Hardesty, Hi Howard, Evie Hudak, Dave Johnson, Jessica Keene, Nancy McCanless, Valerie Pollitt, Karen Quanbeck, Kristopher Schuh, Greg Seupaul, Sally Kate Tinch, Theresa Walderman, Lucas Ward

### Absent:

John Byrne, Suzanne Covington, Dave Epp, Nikki Fitterer, Molly Given, Robert Ham, Jennifer Kirksey, Margaret Lessenger, Susan Lopez, Bill Kottenstette, Jill Mark, Melissa Martini, Matt McKeown, Tim Mills, Precila Pacheco, Margaret Ruddy, Martissa Spencer, Mark Stutz, Katie Van Guilder, Lisa Vega-Fields, Kristina Vigil, Dave Wells

Guests: Matt Flores, Jef Fugita, Susan Meek, Helen Neal, Jen Steele

### Agenda:

- Welcome, Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Jim Earley, Mark Stutz
- Debrief DAC Budget Process – Jim Earley, Dave Johnson, Karen Quanbeck
- Initiative 93 – Susan Meek
- Curriculum Update – Jef Fugita
- Family School Community Partnership (FSCP) Subcommittee Report – Carsten Engebretsen
- September DAC/SAC Event – Jim Earley
- Articulation Representative Subcommittee – Jim Earley, Sally Kate Tinch
- Returning Members and Application for DAC Chair, Vice Chair – Mark Stutz

### Decisions (current):

1. Minutes of February 20, 2018 will be presented for approval at the May meeting.
2. The agenda was approved as revised with a report from the Family School Community Partnership (FSCP) Subcommittee.
3. The next DAC meeting is May 8 with the DAC executive committee meeting on May 2.
4. After a motion and second, DAC adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:34 p.m.

### Action Items (future):

- The FSCP subcommittee will develop an updated timeline and work schedule for the coming year to meet requirements to advise the Board of Education.
- The FSCP subcommittee will develop a plan on the Fall training in September to present to DAC on May 8 for approval.
- A proposal will be presented in May for the September DAC/SAC Fall training.
- All DAC members must complete the member intent form for next school year by April 23.
- DAC members interested in the positions of DAC Chair or Vice Chair must complete the form by April 30.
- Members will email [Jim Earley](#) any new items for the May 8 DAC meeting agenda by May 1 prior to the executive committee meeting on May 2.

### Notes:

- Info/ Action **Welcome, Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Jim Earley** welcomed a quorum of the DAC. DAC members will approve the February 2018 minutes at the May meeting and approved a revised agenda for the evening's meeting adding a report from the Family School Community Partnership subcommittee.
- Info **Debrief DAC Budget Process – Jim Earley** and **Karen Quanbeck** responded to questions related to the proposed roadmap for next year's DAC budget process which allows for earlier participation by budget subcommittee members in preparing the DAC recommendation to the Board of Education.
- Info **Initiative 93 – Susan Meek, Great Education Colorado** reported on [Initiative 93/ Great Schools Thriving Communities](#), which most members had heard was pending for the November ballot. The initiative raises \$1.6 billion for schools, which need \$2.5 billion to reach the national average; between \$120-160 million is expected to go to Jeffco Public Schools; taxpayer equity was addressed; raising revenue for all students to have additional educational opportunities; zip code is not determining future success; Colorado ranks near the bottom in personal income invested in education while ranking #2 in 'return on investment' efficiency (though that does not equate to sufficiency); Colorado has some of the largest gaps among students at risk; ranks last in nation in competitive wage for teachers; 95% of rural teachers don't make cost of living; half of Colorado districts are on a 4-day week. The initiative creates a graduated income tax increase for creation of a Quality Public Education fund; corporate income tax will increase raising Colorado to 9<sup>th</sup> lowest of 44 states;

and, locks in Gallagher Amendment fix for purpose of educational funding. Ms. Meek responded to questions and can be reached at [susan@greateducationcolorado.org](mailto:susan@greateducationcolorado.org). Jim Earley invited the contrary view to present.

- Info **Curriculum Update – Jef Fugita and Jen Steele** shared the current state and future state of the Jeffco PS curriculum website: academics>curriculum>curriculum by grade: year at a glance document now available; making curriculum more transparent; opportunity to see what will be released to the public to collect feedback on the Bridge to Curriculum. Once finalized, viewers will be able to see what’s ‘behind’ each unit title per area of study per grade level; the Jeffco Public Library will support units of study going forward; and, supporting documents will be available online for parents to better understand the ‘education-ese’ language on the website.
- Info **Family/School Partnership Report – Carsten Engebretsen** provided the DAC with an update on the ongoing work of the subcommittee. Last year, district policy KB and KJ were provided to staff for revisions, and the committee focused on principal evaluation feedback. The subcommittee will revamp its work timeline and plan for the coming year’s work.
- Info **September DAC/SAC Event – Jim Earley** introduced the need for a plan for the DAC/SAC training session in the Fall. Discussion covered review of a guidebook for SAC members and DAC training for those not SAC based. A straw proposal will be provided in May for approval.
- Info **Artic Rep Subcommittee – Jim Earley** opened a discussion of an idea for a subcommittee lead to support work of the DAC articulation area representatives with their SACs: to establish a toolkit and training to further communication.
- Info **Returning Members and Application for DAC Chair, Vice Chair – Jim Earley** reminded everyone to complete the online forms linked in the agenda.
- Action **Adjournment** – adjourned at 7:34 p.m.