

Gilpin County School District Re-1  
District Accountability Committee (DAC) Meeting Minutes  
**January 9, 2018**

**In Attendance:**

Mary Sonsino, Chair	Present
Dick Vickery, Vice Chair, Community Business Member	Present
Dee Adams, Parent	Absent
Julie Hanssen, Parent, Secretary	Present
Mary Lorenz, Parent	Absent
Dr. David MacKenzie, Superintendent	Absent
Alexis Donaldson, Secondary Principal	Present
Mary Farmer, Secondary Teacher	Absent
Sharon Lutes, Elementary Teacher	Present
Heather Huntoon, Elementary Principal	Present
Katie Yocom, Monstrossri Teacher	Absent
Victoria Edwards, Parent	Present
Sunny Vincent, GT	Absent

**Call to Order: 5:37**

**Meeting minutes:** Sharon motioned Mary S second

**Public Input:**

- There needs to be a better system in place for the “lunch balance reminder calls” so the calls are not harassing. Possible solutions include combining households with multiple children to one phone call. The reminder calls have helped keep lunch balances from being negative.
- Fallen tree near upper back parking lot needs to be removed.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- Ms. Vincent is running affective groups for 3-4th grades, 5th and middle schoolers, as well as creating an online affective classroom for high schoolers due to their demanding schedules.
- Field trips this year include The Denver Art museum for the K-6th graders, Young Filmmakers Workshop at the Denver Filmmakers Society for grades 7th-9th and a games competition this spring to compete against gifted students from the other two school with various logic games for middle schoolers.
- Ms. Vincent worked with the other coordinators in the BOCES to develop and present and the CAGT (Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented) conference. The presentation was on the new implementation of the PETS curriculum. The PETS curriculum provides all K-2nd students opportunities to develop and practice the four thinking skills of convergent, divergent, visual, and evaluative thinking.

- Ms. Vincent attended with Jessica Selseth, the middle school math teacher, the Ed Zaccaro Workshop where they learned how to help students develop a passion for mathematics.
- Ms. Vincent became certified to facilitate CDE's Gifted and Talented online course and will be offering a professional development opportunity for the Gilpin staff this spring, and will be attending the Depth and Complexity training throughout the spring and summer so that she will be certified to train the staff next year.
- Alexis stated on Sunny's behalf how wonderful she has been engaging with students in the classroom and in training. Sunny works with the On-Watch program as well and some students who have been in the program are successfully moving up. All gifted areas have been expanded to include science and arts and other categories. Rebecca has created proficiency scales to check where students need more help.

#### **Administrative Reports:**

- Alexis reported The teacher exchange program has come to an end, Mr. Price has returned to Australia and Mr. Wardel is back home. Students were given a motivation and engagement quiz to ask the students, "How do you learn?" Data from the PSAT's gives teachers feedback to target areas making sure students are set up for college.
- Heather explained the elementary staff is using data to drive instruction and student work to find new solutions. The Winter Arts Festival was a huge success due to our new music teacher, Ms. Ebers. Elementary celebrated SOAR by doing tie-dyed bandanas and The Colorado Symphony came as well. Ms Joni's annual food drive donated baskets to 14 families and 32 kids.

#### **Board Reports:**

- Professional learning has been given a fresh new start, where teachers are in class learning. Great things are happening because of the stress on the value teachers bring, they are "Content Knowledge Specialists". Teachers can expand and go beyond what is normal for kids not just, "I talk and you listen".
- Gilpin County Elementary School has been recognized by the Colorado State Board of Education and Education Commissioner Katy Anthes for two outstanding accomplishments attributed to student achievement and academic growth earned on the 2017 school accreditation Performance rating: The John Irwin Award and Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award.
- **The John Irwin Award.** "The John Irwin awards are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement over time. These schools received an Exceeds Expectations rating on the Academic Achievement indicator of the School Performance Frameworks reflecting exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts, and Science." [www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/johnirwin](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/johnirwin) A combination of the secondary school working well for years and elementary school's new growth has earned the school this award.
- **The Governor's Distinguished Improvement Awards** are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional student growth. On the school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools "exceed" expectations on the

indicator related to longitudinal academic growth and "meet or exceed" expectations on the indicator related to academic growth gaps.

- Still building the track and hoping for a grant from GOCO and other foundations that could help pay for a third of the projects.

**Next Meeting: Feb 13th**

**Adjourn: 6:20**