

Gilpin County School District Re-1
District Accountability Committee (DAC) Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 2017

In Attendance:

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

Call to Order: 5:40 pm Sharon motioned Mary F second

Meeting minutes: approved- Mary L. motioned Heather second

Public Input: Mary L. asked about the status of the drinking water at school. Dr. Dave reported that the kitchen is cleared to be used with a filter. He also stated that there has been periodic testing and all levels are falling dramatically. There will be weekly progress. Dr. Dave also mentioned the lock down that took place during lunch time was a precaution to the threat that was found to be unsubstantiated. Sharon said that her and the kids at lunch did not hear the all clear due to intercom problems. The email for the all clear went out was 10 minutes late.

Dick mentioned his experience with Jeffco and the new wellness report update.

New Business:

Dick motioned for the calendar to be updated and Mary L. seconded.

Old Business: none

Board Reports:

- There were two seats open on the school board and there are two candidates so there will be no election at this time.
- There are still major site improvements going on. There will be a fence for the playground.

There will be an astro turfed field and 6 lane track by August 1, 2018.

- We have hit the top 10 on Schooldiggers.com. We are now ranked 8th out of 104 school districts!!!! We are accredited to the performance rating and are now a school of distinction.

Administrative Reports:

- Heather reported the elementary school brought in Mark Meyer to develop passionate writers. The teachers set goals for the SB10191 on student growth. The elementary has completed initial screening and are ready for differentiation and intervention.
- Fall field trips are under way. The 5th grade will be going to the fish hatchery.
- The traditional 1st-3rd grade classes are piloting a program with the mixed groups according to ability two days a week for 30 minutes with teacher focused on becoming better writers.
- Mary F. reported the in the secondary they are working on project and problem based learning, they are spending weeks to a month on real jobs or real project based learning. They are using this to answer problems with real world solutions.
- They are also using design thinking in the secondary with kids tracking their learning or learning culture.

Call the meeting- 6:30 Sharon motioned and Mary L. seconded.