

Gilpin County School District Re-1  
District Accountability Committee (DAC) Meeting Minutes  
**November 14, 2017**

In Attendance:

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

**Call to Order:** 5:35 Mary S motioned Julie second

**Meeting minutes:** Approved Dee motioned Mary S second

**Public Input:** The DAC meeting notes are to be posted on the Gilpin website

<http://gilpin.k12.co.us/> to have more parents involved and more public input. Julie will send all notes to Catrina Amaya, our new District Receptionist.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- Dr Dave gave his annual UIP presentation and discussed Gilpin County School's continued growth. Ranked 8th out of 178 schools in Colorado on <https://www.schooldigger.com/go/CO/search.aspx> Gilpin County School District was awarded Accredited with Distinction by the Colorado Department of Education.
- There is no "I" in team, but there are two in Gilpin- "Do I believe?" and "Do I share the Vision". The "Clarity of Vision: 2020" UIP plan believes: Big shifts in student thinking => big shifts in academic behavior => achieving big results. The focus is on individualized teachers and students without carbon copy teaching from room to room. Teachers are using Robert Marzano's nine high-yield instructional strategies and extending what they have worked with in the past (ie: differential learning, rigor and engagement) by asking "what do these strategies look like in a working classroom?". GCSD has had great growth in the past but only because students were so behind, so now the goal is to keep students growing and achieving at an accelerated rate. Some of the 2017-2018 UIP goals include STAR testing 90% of students at or above grade level, state assessments in math and science, social studies and language arts at or above grade level, SAT composite score above 1000, and 100% of seniors graduating.

- SB191 (Senate Bill 10-191) measures teacher effectiveness standards (teacher evaluation) as well as student achievement. All secondary teachers were rated either effective or highly effective which are the two highest ratings, and elementary teachers were mostly all highly effective. Part of GCSD “Next Steps” is to continue to raise the bar. Accountability and sustainability system is in place to set teachers up for success and continue to move forward. November 2013 Mill Levy Override “Yes for Kids” was necessary to retain and recruit high quality teachers and improve quality of educational materials and technology resources in GCSD and has made all this growth possible.

**Board Reports:** Playground done and fence is complete. Track and field is still being worked on and needs grant to finish not including the bleachers.

**Administrative Reports:** Alexis stated all secondary teachers use the professional development day for goal setting, tracking progress and progress monitoring. Heather discussed elementary teachers meet every morning and afternoon. Mark Overmire, writing consultant, came to deliver a writer’s workshop for all grades installing a passion in kids. Drawing helps to write with detail and leads them to be creative writers.

**Next Meeting:** January 9, 2018 **no meeting in December**

**Adjourn:** 6:32 Mary F motioned Julie second