

Gilpin County School District Re-1
District Accountability Committee (DAC) Meeting Minutes
October 10, 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	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, Monstrossri Teacher	Present
Victoria Edwards, Parent	Absent
Beth Worley, Traditional Pre-school Teacher	Present
Jane Yerkman, Food Services Director	Present

Call to Order: 5:30 Mary F motioned Katy Y second

Meeting minutes: approved Mary L motioned Mary F second

Public Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Director of the traditional preschool program, Beth Worley, came in (early) to speak about the Colorado Preschool Program. CPP is a state-funded early childhood education program administered by the Colorado Department of Education. CPP is a great program which provides funding for families with children who have certain risk factors in their lives that are associated with later challenges in school. For example: child is in need of language development or there is abuse in the home. Children 3 yrs old must meet at least three factors and children 4 yrs old need only meet one risk factor.
 - Gilpin offers seven half day slots and all seven have been filled this year. Traditional preschool costs are \$250 monthly for half day. Gilpin offers four ways to bring young children to school without money being a barrier. CPP, Gilpin County Education Foundation, Free & Reduced Lunch Program, and Special Ed Programs. It is important to try and give all children a head start like knowing the staff and where the restrooms are before they begin kindergarten.
 - Beth also reported the preschool is working on shifting to a Level 2 preschool program which requires 10 more hours of professional training.

- Jane Yerkman, Food Services Director, presented to the DAC our School's Wellness Program. As the DAC we are responsible to review the health curriculum, marketing, cleanliness and safety, as well as make recommendations .
 - Dr Dave and Jane spoke of the changes and upgrades the Gilpin has made to the school's nutritional program over the last few years. Gilpin is still using 51% whole grains, serving students fresh fruits and vegetables, and 4oz of protein daily. Jane has added a few new menu items such as flat bread sandwiches, and more students are buying breakfast and lunch this year than in previous years. Dr Dave would like to see the good nutrition in school help change the culture of eating at home as well.
 - The DAC was provided a copy of School Wellness Policy ADF. The DAC provided input on the policy and regulation. The DAC will review the School Wellness Policy annually. Jane plans to send out surveys so students and parents can have input on the School Wellness Policy. Jane will share the survey results with the DAC as well as post School Wellness information on the Food Services page on the District website.
 - Heather Huntoon spoke in behalf of Aaron Moran, Physical Education teacher, who was unable to attend due to family circumstances. Heather told us teachers are asking students "inquiry questions" on their way to PE, for example, "Why are rules important in team sports?" to get the students involved. Then, Aaron will have an activity based on the question, team sports.
 - Mental health, social health and risk management are also key components of our school's wellness program. Gilpin has Safe to Tell programs to let students know where to get help if they need it.
 - After the presentations, we as a community reviewed and approved the school's Wellness Program.

Administrative Reports:

- Mary F spoke in behalf of Alexis D who was attending a HS volleyball game. During Wednesday's late starts the secondary teachers breakout in departments and bring out students work and discuss what some kids might need help with. The idea is for all teachers to be on the same page with their students.
- Heather shared the elementary department is continuing to fine tune their kid based and "Best Practice" learning programs. The 5th graders trout eggs have arrived for their trout farming experiment. PBIS celebration is having the Colorado Symphony come to perform. Halloween fest is coming and the staff could always use more help. Next Steps: going totally electronic! An email to parents will be sent inviting them to Infinite Campus where they sign up for an account to see students grades and could print report cards at home.

Board Reports:

- Dr Dave stated the school is moving forward to improve the education experience for students and teachers. The staff is focused on differential learning and increasing all expectations.

- Water filter downstairs and in kitchen have been cleared for use and will only keep improving over time.
- Gilpin Education Foundation applying for GOCO grant to help with expenses for new track and field. Gilpin will also be selling bricks in the new legacy wall to help offset some expenses.

Next Meeting: November 14th

Adjourn: 7:00 Mary F motioned Sharon L second