

Gilpin County School District Re-1  
District Accountability Committee (DAC) Meeting Minutes  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2016**

In Attendance:

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

**Call to Order:** 5:37pm Mary S motioned and Julie second

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

**Public Input:**

- Dee has concerns about the back parking lot stairs and the lack of lights. Dr. Dave suggested he would go look at the steps this evening on his way out to make sure lights are coming on. Handicap parking is located at the front of the building with use of the elevator to get to the main floor when hosting a game on the weekend.

**New Business:**

- Our special guest is Dr. Dave sharing the SB191 (Senate Bill 10-191) overview for new members. The Accountability bill was established in 2010. Scores are based on 50% teacher performance and 50% student achievement. Dave explained how developers of the bill reached across the state to get teacher input, State assessments, and use of Colorado state standards. The PARCC test was developed by Colorado teachers as another reach out to gather information on elementary and secondary students. He cited three books, *Enhancing Professional Practice*, *Classroom Instructions that Work*, and *Professional Learning Communities at Work*. Late start Wednesdays are designed so teachers can come in, work with data, and collaborate to increase student achievement and growth.
- Our district needs a District Personnel Performance Evaluation Council. Members must include at least

one teacher, one administrator, one principal, one parent and one person who does not have a child in school.

- Last year we switched to RANDA, an online performance management system to support districts in the implementation of the Colorado State Model Evaluation System. Teachers get scored on 50% student achievement (5% district accreditation rating, 15% school accreditation rating, 10% individual standardised, 20% individual local) and 50% teacher performance. Teachers get to choose 20% of the data that is used in their evaluation. They choose what they are comfortable with and the best data available for that teacher. Overall the evaluations are friendly and favors the teachers. Gilpin is always building and growing so we can become a school of distinction.

**Old Business:** none

**Board Reports:**

- Board members approached about changing the school calendar from a Monday-Thursday school week to a Tuesday-Friday week. A survey is available online to get feedback. Spread the word.

**Administrative Reports:**

- Heather discussed how the Lexia lab interventions are running smoothly and would like to move the program into the classroom instead of during specials. 5th grade participating Super School News in April. Joni Schmidt's annual Food Drive program collected Thanksgiving baskets for 12 families. Isle of Capri and St James donated. 32 students Christmas Wish-List were granted. Gilpin office did stockings.
- Alexis - staff meeting doing team building exercises from the workshop Game.It, Solve.It, Share.It. Victoria Stephens, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science teacher, is a great example of someone who knows how to implement games into her lessons. Rachel Vanhooose, MS/HS math teacher, put together an "Escape Room" game using lesson plans (ie. physics) and is planning to set it up for the students. Thursday is another middle school dance.

**Next Meeting:** Feb 7th instead of the 14th (so Mary F can spend her first Valentine's Day with her new hubby <3 )

**Adjourn:** 6:47pm Mary S motioned and Alexis second.