

Gilpin County School District Re-1
District Accountability Committee (DAC) Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2016

In Attendance:

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

- **Call to Order:** 5:37
- **Meeting Minutes**
 - approved minutes Dick V motioned Sharon L second
- **Public Input:**
 - Meet and introduce new elementary principal, Heather Huntoon.
 - Julie H to invite new parents to join DAC
- **Old Business: None**
- **New Business:**
 - Mary S. would like to have first DAC meeting in August before the first School Board meeting so we can discuss any changes to the charges and present them to the Board.
 - Dick questioned the DAC's responsibility on teacher evaluation. Dr David responded it was important for the DAC to keep up the conversation to ensure a fair and balanced evaluation system as the bar will get set higher with student achievement.
 - Sunny Vincent and Rebecca (?) now in charge of GT.
 - Dr. Dave would like to add a preschool council to the charges. Beth Worley to come on behalf of traditional pre-school and Katy Yocum on behalf of montessori pre-school. Also, Mary S. will talk to Monica Ruhl about joining the DAC to represent a montessori teacher.
 - Changes to the calendar:
 - October 11th- Nutrition with Jane Yerkman
 - November 8th- preschool curriculum, projections ect... Beth Worley and Katy Yolcam
 - December 13th- GT with Sunny Vincent
 - January 10th- SB191
 - February 14th- UIP

- March 14th- preliminary budget with Terry Sharg
 - April 11th- Wellness with Aaron Moran
 - May 9th- Budget with Terry Sharg and End of year Report
- Dr Dave motioned to accept changes to charges Mary L second. Motion to vote on Calendar Julie motioned Dick second, voted and passed.
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Heather Huntoon, our new elementary principal and former teacher asked the needs of all elementary teachers and found commonality. PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) was the first goal and therefore S.O.A.R was reborn. (Safe. On task. Always caring. Ready to grow) Heather implemented this common language throughout the school from our bathroom expectations to the bus ride. Teachers feel they need to be heard and want more information on Response to Intervention and academic concerns. At the staff development meeting they looked at test results- what are the kids missing? Student engagement- are they learning? Teachers are using summative assessments to find out what they are missing. Heather asked the teachers to be risk takers and try new things. Sharon added she feels very supported and teachers feel safe to take risks.
 - National Geographic brought in a representative and a huge map of Colorado (for free!) to give each class a hands on learning adventure.
 - The elementary has earned 12 eagles and only need 8 more to earn a school wide party. No longer giving out individual SOAR awards because our school is a team.
- **Board reports**
 - Dr Dave is very pleased with Heather and reflects our teachers are very pleased as well. PBIS gives students ownership and makes them responsible for their behaviour and academics and is pushing kids without negative implements.
 - Dr Dave would like to bring the district's "Clarity of Vision 2020" to be a "District of Destination". He needs to present to the school board as an extension of "Destination 2016".
 - Out of the 18 different tests administered to Gilpin grade levels 3rd-9th 11 were at or above state standards. In comparison, last year only 7 were at or above state standards. Elementary grades were all at or above state standards on 6 out of the 7 tests. Middle school scores are lower because of some elementary kids who skimmed by in the years before, and teachers are implementing help for those kids. "Next steps"
 - Chrome Books are being used in secondary school as well as in upper elementary grades.
- **Next Meeting:** October 11, 2016