

Gilpin County School District RE-1

District Accountability Committee (DAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 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	present
Dr. David MacKenzie, Superintendent	present
Alexis Donaldson, Secondary Principal	present
Mary Jakupcak, Secondary Teacher	present
Sharon Lutes, Elementary Teacher	absent
Guest: Aaron Moran, PE Health	present

❖ **Call to Order:** Mary S. called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

❖ **Meeting Minutes:** Julie Motion, Mary S. Second
Discussion – None Carried

❖ **Public Input:** None

❖ **Old Business:** None

❖ **New Business:**

- New Officers: Julie Hanssen volunteered to be secretary
- Guest: Aaron Moran, PE Health teacher presented to the committee an update of the physical education goals and progress within Gilpin County.
 - Field Day will be held on Tuesday, May 24th during the last week of classes at Ulysses Park in Golden with a mini-golf adventure afterwards. Due to Splash being closed and the Apex Center not conducive to our school Mr. Moran has decided to try mini-golf instead this year and is still working out the details.
 - Class sizes are getting bigger every year making it more difficult to maintain the classroom. Moran would like to hold elementary PE in the MPR in order to save time and energy from going all the way to the old gym.

- Traditional elementary classes are broken down into smaller groups rotating quarterly to make specials (art, music, computers, and PE) class size more reasonable. Montessori classes go to PE once a week for an entire period.
- Moran also discussed Middle School scheduling and would like to see PE/Health be put back into quarterly rotation, however Alexis pointed out how other electives (yearbook, art) want a full semester. Some MS kids choose to take PE twice in one day instead of choosing another elective. Health classes are too big as well having 29 students and only 16 desks makes teaching Health cumbersome.
- Mr. Moran's fitness challenge is due for second round of testing just needing volunteers in the beginning of May to help count push-ups, pull-ups, and shuttle run.

❖ **Board Reports:**

- Dr. Dave reported the school is closer to site plan improvements with a visual from the architect.
 - This summer's plan include repaving south parking lot and new playground equipment. Timeline tentative to budget.
 - Roof repair is more cosmetic and less of a threat to foundation with an estimate of \$65K
 - New windows in the elementary wing is finishing up this week.
 - School sign damaged during wind storm still under warranty and plan on adding a "safety shield" to keep from happening again.
- 2016-2017 School calendar start/end dates moved back one week to August 15th - June 2nd.
 - In order to accommodate the new schedule and have the full number of required calendar days the school had to include two days of "Friday School" to be held on December 16th and June 2nd. Elementary will hold class parties and secondary will have testing on those days and school will release at 1:00.
- We have a new Elementary Principle, Heather Huntoon, from Carlson Elementary in the Clear Creek School District.

❖ **Administrative Reports:**

- Alexis reported Secondary calendars very busy at end of year
 - Rockies game
 - Anti-Bullying efforts: Harlem Globe Trotters to come to school Thursday, April 21st for grades 5th-8th
 - April 22nd Earth Day Assembly to celebrate all of Gilpin's "green" achievements and discuss Mr. Halsted's "Green School" project
 - May 11th Senior Awards Banquet
 - May 14th Graduation
- Dr. Dave passed out the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) for 2015-16
 - Gilpin County is no longer in probation period our current standing for Elementary is Priority Improvement and we are no longer on any kind of watch.

- The laws have changed for opting out from State assessment testing (PARCC).
Parents must submit an Opt Out letter.
- ❖ **Next Meeting:** May 10th starting at 5:00 instead of 5:30. Terry to present budget overview
- ❖ **Adjourn:** 6:30 pm

Submitted by: Julie Hanssen