District Accountability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015

I. Call to order
Merrie Jones called to order the regular meeting of the District Accountability Committee at 5:35 pm on Thursday, April 16 in the Dr. Ed Lord and Patricia Lord Board Room (Educational Services Center, Peoria Building).

II. Roll call
The following persons were present: Angie Benson-Miller, Lisa Escárcega, Ella Hart, Merrie Jones, Karen Porter (Via Telecom), Julie Rapone, Dan Wright, Janna Youmans

Board of Education Liaison: Amber Drevon

Speaker(s): Stan Rodriguez – Budget Manager
Wendy Sullivan – Coordinator, Charter Schools

III. Welcome & Introductions
Merrie Jones welcomed and gave an introduction to DAC members and guests

IV. Budget Update
Stan gave members a current understanding of the 2015-16 General Fund Preliminary Budget Update. He explained that the Joint Budget Committee’s proposal, CDE projections, and APS planning projections are sources that will influence the budget. He further stated that the preliminary budget is changing every day at this point; and that the school finance bill is working its way through the state legislature.

The Budget Timeline is as follows:

- April 7 – Preliminary 2015-16 Budget (Information)
- May 5 – BOE Meeting: 2015-16 Proposed Budget (Information)
- May 19 – BOE Meeting: 2015-16 Proposed Budget (Consent)
- May 21 – DAAC Public Hearing on Proposed Budget
- June 2 – BOE Meeting (all information):
  - 2014-15 Supplemental Budget
  - 2015-16 Adopted Budget
  - 2015-16 Beginning Fund Balance
- June 16 – BOE Meeting (all consent):
  - 2014-15 Supplemental Budget
  - 2015-16 Adopted Budget
  - 2015-16 Beginning Fund Balance

V. Charter School Applications
Wendy voiced that the Charter School application timeline was changed from fall to spring; which allows for a planning year for the new schools. We presently have ten charters approved to operate in the district; eight are up and running with one scheduled to open in 2015-16 and one scheduled to open in 2016-17. We have two charter applications to review; Cooperative Community School and
Laurus Collegiate Charter School. She went on to say that DAC members were welcome to review the same components as last year.

**Those components are:**
- Vision/Mission – All DAC members
- Evidence of Support – Janna Youmans
- Parent and Community Involvement – Janna Youmans
- Educational Program – Dan Wright
- Facilities – Merrie Jones
- Student Discipline – Karen Porter
- Governance – Amber Drevon
- Enrollment Policy – Dan Wright & Ella Hart (Brandon Eyre – Legal Counsel)

**Wendy agreed to send DAC members via email:**
- The recommendation that was sent to the board for Cooperative Community School last year
- Appendix B: Evaluation Rubric (Note that all components are to be reviewed and sent to Wendy electronically)
- Executive summary and mission statements from each applicant

**Timeline:**
- 4/13/15-4/24/15 – Initial Review by District Staff Team
- 4/27/15 – DAC responses are due to Wendy
- 5/4/15-5/8/15 – Applicant Interview with District Staff
- 5/14/15 – Applicants present to DAC
- 5/15/15 – 5/22/15 – Final Review by District Staff Team
  - 6/2/15 – Applicants present to Board of Education and Recommendation from DAC and staff is presented

**VI. Executive Committee Nominations**

Dan made a motion to rotate Executive Committee Member positions – Amber seconded, and members also agreed to the rotation process.

- Merrie Jones – Chair position nominated to move to Vice Chair
- Karen Porter – Vice Chair nominated to move to Chair Elect
- Janna Youmans – Chair Elect nominated to move to Chair

**VII. Questions**

Q. Is the addition of the 192 Charter School Students due to the New Vanguard Campus
A. No, Vanguard opened this year; however, vanguard will be adding 11th grade during the 2015-16 year. All charters project an increase in enrollment for the 2015-16 school year.

Q. Are the preschools included in this enrollment figure
A. No, 868 slots are allotted by the state for morning and afternoon preschool.
Q. Is Central becoming a Charter School
A. Right now district staff and the APS Board of Education are discussing this, and next year is a planning year. It is one of the options that can be considered by the State Board of Education.

APS is seeking community feedback on a variety of options to address school overcrowding. The adopting strategies for a Facilities Support Plan will help for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.

APS will present school capacity options to the community in a series of open houses from April 14-30. The community is invited to attend one of the open houses. To learn more, visit suppsvcs.aurorak12.org/capacity.

Follow-up from March meeting questions

Q. What line item is the funding for reSolutionaries – Where is it funded in the budget book
A. Both contracts are funded through the Grants department. The remaining is funded by the Division of Equity in Learning. Our budget book line would be from our District Instruction Purchased Professional and Technical Services.

The contract indicates 4 to 5 APS schools. This year, Aurora West College Preparatory Academy and Vaughn received training from ReSolutionaries. In the past Hinkley, South and Mrachek has received restorative practices training from Dr. Tom Cavanagh - Another company offering similar training.

Q. How long is the contract with reSolutionaries
A. There are two contracts with reSolutionaries – One is for January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. The second is for December 14, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

VIII. Adjournment

Merrie Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

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Chairperson Secretary