District Accountability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2014

I. Call to order
Karen Porter called to order the regular meeting of the District Accountability Advisory Committee at 5:40 pm on Thursday, October 16 in the BOE Conference Room (ESC#4 Building).

II. Roll call
The following persons were present: Jeanette Carmany, Merrie Jones, Karen Porter, Jesús Escárcega, Julie Rapone, Dan Wright, Janna Youmans.

Board of Education Liaison: Amber Drevon

Speaker(s): Lisa Escárcega – Chief Accountability & Research Officer
            Amber Drevon – Board of Education

Guest(s): Patti Moon – Specialist, Media Relations

III. Welcome & Introductions
Karen welcomed DAAC members and all accompanying guests

IV. District Strategic Plan – APS 2020: Shaping the Future

Lisa Escárcega and Amber Drevon presented the group with a packet of information consisting of the APS 2020: Shaping the Future PowerPoint Presentation, Aurora Public Schools Update – Points of Pride, Volunteer Interest Card, Aurora Public Schools Highlights Card, and a Feedback Form.

Lisa explained to the group that since 2006 the district has been operating under the Vista Strategic Framework, which will conclude in January 2015 – She stated that our new strategic plan “APS 2020: Shaping the Future” will reflect the goals and values of the community – Thus, the reason for seeking community feedback so that the Strategic Planning Team can develop a draft plan for review in November. In January 2015, the Board will consider adopting the plan, which would then lead to a full launch and implementation.

Amber gave the group an overview of the districts population (Students/Employees) and talked about highlights and handouts inside the packet.

Lisa reviewed strategies for addressing achievement (UIP); she talked about the 3 phases of the strategic plan development process. She addressed the group by asking which core beliefs were important to them as a community – Part of the feedback form. She engaged the group in discussion regarding strategic goals in regards to “A Plan”, “A set of skills”, and “Credentials”. Lisa’s closing remarks were the importance of community feedback and the significance for the group to fill out the feedback forms.

Strategic Plan Development Process:

• January 2013 – June 2014 (Initial Stakeholder Engagement)
• July 2014 – October 2014 (Strategic Plan Engagement)
• October 2014 – December 2014 (Strategic Plan Development)
V. **Elections**
Lisa mentioned that Julie sent out an email to solicit nominations on April 18th. Only one response came back from Karen Porter nominating Jeanette Carmany for chair – Jeanette declined the nomination, and at that time Lisa asked for additional suggestions to elect a slate of officers. The group made suggestions for executive committee members, then DAC members voted and seconded – The slate of officers are as follows:

- Chairperson – Merrie Jones
- Chairperson-elect -- Janna Youmans
- Vice-chairperson – Karen Porter

VI. **Adjournment**
Karen adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

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Chairperson  Secretary