DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 17, 2018
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Professional Learning Conference Center
17551 E. 1st Avenue, La Plata Peak

Minutes

I. 6:10 Welcome
The following individuals were present: Billie Day, Lori Stack, Ella Hart, Kathleen Shiverdecker, Tanoya Barnes, Bridget Allison, Kyla Armstrong-Romero, Merilee Linfield, Amy and Tim Hill, and DJ Loerzel

II. 6:15 District and School Performance Framework Presentation, DJ Loerzel, D.M., Director of Accountability and Research

(See presentation posted on DAAC website)

Committee asked clarifying questions around:
- the percentages attributed to the areas of Academic Achievement, Academic Growth and PWR
- the impact of opting out by parents and whether or not an excuse was necessary
- the growth in the number of students in 2017
- how close (% points) a school would be before consideration of an appeal
- the other assessments that might be reported to CDE (required vs. formative)

III. 6:45 State of the District by Leadership representatives- Damon Smith, Chief Personnel Officer, Kyla Armstrong-Romero, School Board member, and William Stuart, former Deputy Superintendent and acting principal, Iowa Elementary

Committee asked clarifying questions around:
- the national average spent per student
- the difference between a Mill Levy and a Mill Levy Override
- the difference between a Mill Levy and a Bond
- the cost to the taxpayers in Aurora for the Mill Levy
- the need for communication around the varying math strategies and the ability of our second language learners to understand them
- how to make the information presented available to parents
- the extent that the community was involved in setting the priorities of the Mill Levy funds
- how our enrollment has changed in the last year

IV. 7:45 Charter school renewal application update, Lori Stack for Mackenzie Khan, Director, Charter Schools

- Per APS Policy, DAAC will be included in the Office of Autonomous Schools (OAS) charter school renewal application process by providing application review feedback and ratings, participating in the applicant interview, and submitting final ratings on charter school renewal applications.
- This year we have one school up for renewal: Vanguard Classical School (East & West). DAAC also participated in the review of their renewal application last year, but we are going through the process again since the APS Board only granted the school a 1-year charter renewal term last year.
- Charter renewal applications are due on October 5 to OAS. As soon as received, an email will be sent out to DAAC members notifying them to go into Charter.Tools and begin reviewing. It's imperative that all members are clear on the process (the renewal application was updated and improved this year) and get the guidance and assistance they need from OAS. Mackenzie would like to either setup an optional training for newer reviewers, or be available to meet one-on-one with members as needed. Feedback will be due from DAAC members on Vanguard's renewal application on October 26.
- OAS would like to speak at the Oct. 22 DAAC meeting (via Skype - they will be in FL attending a conference) to answer questions about the process and gather feedback from DAAC on the application.

V. 7:50 Meeting Adjourned