DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 20, 2020
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Virtual Meeting held via Zoom due to COVID-19

Minutes

I. 6:00 Welcome and Introductions

The following individuals were present: Lori Stack, DJ Loerzel, Ella Hart, Omar Montgomery, Valerie Richmond, Breahna Miller, Tanoya Barnes, Bridget Allison, and Sarah McGuire

Visitors and Presenters: Shannon Solomon, Gina Lanier, Tarro McCray, and Aaron Oberg

II. 6:05 Nutrition Services, Shannon Solomon, Director and Gina Lanier from Financial Accounting Services

See presentation slide show on DAAC website

APS provides breakfast at 63 sites (2,394,000 annual participation average), lunch at 63 sites (4,104,000 annual participation average), snacks at 14 sites (290,700 annual participation average), and Super snacks (supper) at 27 sites (701,100 annual participation average).

This school year, we are at 65% Free and Reduced Lunch (down from 71% in 2013-14).

The process of food delivery includes Grab and Go, in the classroom, Hallway and cart delivery, and cafeteria service. Upgrades to include “Disney Experience “ style lines, TVs and/or music in cafeterias, and online ordering and pick-up.

Focus: People, Planet, Program (Sustainability)
Operations Management: Relationships, Resources, Regulations

Questions from DAAC:
Of all the students combined, what is the current cost not covered by families?
$500,000. 30% of population does not pay

Currently, we have outside sponsorship for adults, and students are fee if they are 18 years old or younger.

Who drives the meals to schools at this time?
Warehouse workers
So, we’re feeding whole families?
Yes. At 17 sites, we are sometimes 40-50 cars deep. We have bags of breakfast, lunch, and dinner. On Fridays, we’ll send home food for the weekend. There are directions in English and Spanish for ready-made meals.

III. 6:40 Budget Update, Aaron Oberg, Director

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Reminder to DAAC members of responsibilities to recommend spending priorities to Division of Finance and, formally, to the Board of Education.

Up until March 2020, we were strong economically. However, COVID-19 and volatile oil and natural gas markets impacted us negatively (increased unemployment and volatile stock market). This means risks to state revenues and taxes.

Preliminary Projections for 2020-2021 are flat. Priorities include: limiting growth in spending, establishing reserves for a mid-year reduction by the state (possibly setting aside 2 months of payroll for 2-3 years), limiting requests for supplemental and ongoing expenditures, and proposed budget to BOE will be presented. APS is declining in enrollment.

Questions from DAAC:

EPR system is a multimillion-dollar instrument. Do we need it?
We do need it. The current system will no longer be supported. We have set aside the money for this through bond funds.

Does it track like Oracle?
Yes. It does. It is everything.

Large Insurance carriers? Names? State Farm?
I do not know, but they are larger commercial companies.

Which school district will be hardest hit by COVID-19? How will they know?
I don’t know that. The governor’s office would determine how the allocations from the general assembly will distribute funds.

15,000 electronic devices were given out to students for distance learning. Where does that come from?
General fund

Charter Schools funds?
Allocations to remain the same.

IV. 7:40 Meeting Adjourned