

District Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	December 7, 2010	Time	6:00 – 8:09 p.m.
Facilitator	Teegan Sheanin	Scribe	Carie Anderson
Key Points Discussed			
No.	Topic	Representative	Highlights
1	Welcome	Teegan Sheanin	
2	Approval of Minutes	Teegan Sheanin	Minutes from 11/2/10 approved.
3	Board Report	Jim Reed	<p>Item of real importance – passing 3A, big victory for the kids. Puts BVSD in a unique position in the state to provide services and education for the kids. A component of that is expanded early childhood education.</p> <p>Suggestion for subcommittee to watch the district to see how they are spending the 3A money and report back to make sure that the classroom cuts that have been promised to be undone are in fact undone.</p> <p>There are some things going on at the state level that will affect funding for BVSD. Part of 3A was to help mitigate any future cuts. The state still has about \$1 billion dollars to cut out of the state budget, so there will be cuts coming for K-12 but it is unknown what they might be.</p>
4	Budget Update	Jonathan Dings/Dave Swanson	<p>We are in a good spot with the voters passing the mill levy override. Schools will be taken back to essentially where they were last year. Ed Center funding won't be restored, it was not part of 3A. We can now invest heavily in early childhood education.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When does the money start going back to schools? The money is funded to the schools in January, the Board will vote on schools being allocated money at approximately \$100/student for second semester. This may vary depending on any money that may have to go back to the state. Hiring teachers mid-year can sometimes cause issues internally at the schools. Want to do as much as possible in the least disruptive way possible. • Can some of the money that has been approved be set aside, assuming that more cuts will come? The superintendent is looking at that and schools will have the option to use this year's restored funds next year. The board has looked at increasing the 3% reserve for the district. While we want to be able to set aside money to safeguard for the future there is also the desire to get that money to the classrooms as quickly and fully as possible.
5	DAC Demographic Survey	Jonathan Dings	<p>Jonathan distributes survey to DAC to determine how representative DAC is to the population of the district.</p> <p>Click to view the survey: 2010 DAC Parent Demographic Data Request</p>

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6	Calendar Committee Update	Jonathan Dings	<p>One association representative, two teachers, three students, four principals, five parents and seven support administrators were invited to serve on a committee this fall to develop the 2011-12 and 2012-13 calendars. The committee met, refined principles to guide calendar development and ranked them in order of importance. The proposed calendars were designed with the Board of Education’s approved principles in mind. To supplement efforts by principals to gather calendar feedback at the school level, surveys were sent to households with email, asking about new features of the calendar that are not like the current year calendar.</p> <p>Features the same as years past:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will begin and end at about the same time as this year. • There will be teacher/parent conference exchange days attached to Thanksgiving break as they have for many years. • First semester will end at the HS level before winter break as has also been for many years. • Spring Break will be aligned with CU’s Spring Break. <p>Out of more than 2000 responses, approximately 80% indicated that the proposed dates were “acceptable” to the specific calendar survey items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Assessment Day & Attached PD Day (Thursday/Friday before Labor Day) • Additional work/PD Days (Mid October & Monday after Spring Break) • Teacher-exchange days (Mid April) <p>Early Release/Late Start - Not a part of the survey because it probably will not impact the actual district calendar or impact family schedules.</p>
7	SIP Review Survey	Teegan Sheanin	<p>DAC distributed a SIP Review Feedback Survey to collect information about how the SIP review process went this year. Survey results will be given to the SIPR subcommittee for their use.</p> <p>Click to view the survey: SIP Review Survey</p>
8	Sub Committee Introductions	Teegan Sheanin	<p>Introduction of topics for subcommittee work based on discussion at the Board of Ed and DAC Worksession. DAC Member signed up for one of the four subcommittees. SIPR Accountable Programs Communications Budget Click to view draft of Subcommittee Tasks Subcommittees need to decide on a chairperson, set goals and create a timeline of what to accomplish in each meeting, completion of report by April. Discussion of scope of work topics and tasks.</p>
9	Meeting Adjourned	Teegan Sheanin	<p>8:09 p.m. - General meeting adjourned for subcommittee meetings.</p>