



## MINUTES OF MEETING

**GROUP:** District Accountability Committee

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 18, 2017

**LOCATION:** ESC Board Room

**PRESENT:**

Amy Stivers	Emma Kasahara
Mike Rudolph	Jill Rickard
Gretchen Smith	Christine King
Tiffany Panza	Rachel Bryan
Laura Mutton	Michelle LaCrue
Ashley Miller	Michele Hanna
Cindi Seidel	Karen Johnson, Chair
Susan Dalton	Carrie Warren-Gully, Board liaison
Erin Weaver	

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Clay Abla  
Diane Doney

1. **Welcome, DAC Business**

Karen Johnson, DAC chair, welcomed those present. The November 16, 2016 minutes were accepted as presented.

Members discussed the following question in table groups: Graduation from high school has for years been based on “Carnegie Units” or seat time. Colorado is moving toward a competency-based model beginning with the graduating class of 2021, or this year’s eighth graders. Is this a move in the right direction?

2. **Business Services/Finance Update**

Diane Doney, assistant superintendent of business services and chief financial officer, presented information about student enrollment, Bond Program work, and legislation. Diane explained that the district’s enrollment remains relatively stable. In 2015-2016, the district gained about 100 students, while in 2016-2017, the district lost about 100 students. Averaging allows the district to maintain a stable per pupil revenue (PPR). Diane said the complete student enrollment report was presented to the Board on December 15, 2016, and is available on BoardDocs:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/files/AG7S2A6F21ED/\\$file/2016-2017%20Student%20Enrollment%20Report.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/files/AG7S2A6F21ED/$file/2016-2017%20Student%20Enrollment%20Report.pdf). Diane said enrollment projections for 2017-2018 are in progress and will be sent to principals soon.

Diane reviewed the Bond Program work that occurred in summer 2016, which included the Acoma Building, Arapahoe High School, East, Field, and Twain elementary schools, Littleton Preparatory Charter School, Powell Middle School, and Options Secondary at Whitman. Year 4 projects will include roofing at Franklin, Highland, Hopkins, Lenski, and Moody elementary schools, Euclid Middle School, and Options Secondary at Whitman. A variety of projects will be done at Franklin, Highland, Hopkins, Lenski, and Moody elementary schools, Littleton Academy Charter School, Heritage High School, and the Education Services Center. The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) will report to the Board on January 26.

Diane said the Legislative Bill Report is available on the district website: [http://littletonpublicschools.net/sites/default/files/LPS%20Bill%20Report\\_1.16.2017.pdf](http://littletonpublicschools.net/sites/default/files/LPS%20Bill%20Report_1.16.2017.pdf). She highlighted several bill that have been introduced, noting it is very early in the 2017 Legislative Session. Diane commented that ChalkBeat.org is a good site to get legislative information. A PowerPoint is attached.

### 3. **Graduation Guidelines**

Clay Abila, director of secondary education used information on the district website to provide an update on graduation requirements: <http://littletonpublicschools.net/content/graduation>. The new requirements will be in effect for the graduating class of 2021, this year's eighth graders. He explained that the district did not change the credit or course requirements established for each high school because they meet Colorado Academic Standards. Beginning with the class of 2021, all students must complete an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP), which is a planning tool for each student's academic career. It gives definition and focus to academic planning. Students have an advisement period to provide time to work on their ICAP. The district's IT department is developing a graduation tracker for required courses and competencies that can be viewed through the parent portal to help parents stay informed.

Clay explained the competencies that will be required for the class of 2021, which are listed on the website. He said this is a broad menu that could change over time. He said it is important to open pathways for students to demonstrate competency and allow different courses to count toward core graduation requirements.

### 4. **Board Liaison Report**

Carrie Warren-Gully, Board liaison said the Board receive a report from the Safety and Mental Health Advisory Committee (SMHAC) in December 2016, and the full report is available on BoardDocs: <http://www.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/Public>. The committee has completed its current charge. During its January 12 meeting, the Littleton High School Early High School program was approved. Dr. Amy Oaks, LHS principal said 49 applications were received for the program and 32 were accepted. Sixteen students were accepted from district middle schools, four from each school. This program for eighth grade students will begin in 2017-2018. Dr. Oaks explained that the program is intended to provide more options as students move through their high school career. The Board discussed a possible program to re-integrate students in out-of-district placements due to significant special education needs. Currently there are 36 LPS students in such placements, and not all students would return to the district under the proposed program. Carrie gave an update on the condition of Dr. Allyson Mallory, Moody Elementary School principal, who was injured in a skiing accident over winter break. She is currently at Craig Hospital and is paralyzed from the waist down. Fund-raising efforts are underway to help pay for the necessary modifications to her home. Dr. Mallory is expected to return to Moody for the 2017-2018 school year, and the district will make necessary modification to the building to accommodate her needs. Ms. Jean Martinez, who retired from LPS after serving as the Franklin Elementary School principal and the director of elementary education is serving as interim principal.

### 6. **Meeting Evaluation and Closure**

Karen distributed the meeting evaluation survey and explained that the information gathered each month helps in planning future DAC meetings and evaluating the overall success of DAC that becomes part of its annual report to the Board.

### **Wrap-up**

The next DAC meeting is February 15, 2017. There will be a meeting at 5:30 pm for all those interested to begin planning for the April 6 LPS Legislative Breakfast at the Capitol.

Submitted by  
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