



MINUTES OF MEETING

GROUP: District Accountability Committee

DATE: Wednesday, March 16, 2016

LOCATION: ESC Board Room

PRESENT:

Jen Harrison	Shannon Kesselman
Jennifer Rysavy	Cindi Seidel
Nevine White	Michele Hanna
Victor Rosales	Tammy Harimon, Chair
Laura Mutton	Karen Johnson, Co-chair
Olivier Martin	Connie Bouwman, Administrative liaison
Jennifer Proal	Carrie Warren-Gully, Board liaison

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Lindstone	Mike Porter
Greg Sumlin	Ashley Broer

1. **Welcome, Approval of Minutes**

Tammy Harimon, DAC co-chair, called the meeting to order. She welcomed those present. The February 17, 2016 minutes were approved as submitted. She reminded members that the LPS breakfast with legislators at the Capitol is April 7, and distributed flyers

LHS student member Victor Rosales was recognized for the good job he did presenting a DAC update to the LHS accountability committee.

2. **Options Secondary Program**

Options Middle and High School program principals Ashley Broer and Greg Sumlin presented an update on the Options Secondary Program. Greg and Ashley have spent the past four years implementing the model currently in place. Ashley explained the continuum of care concept and the alignment of Redirections, the program for expelled students, with the Options Secondary Program. Ashley explained the student transition and intake process, which includes a rating concerning adverse childhood experiences. She described the characteristics of a student who might benefit from the Options program, noting that about 85 percent of Options students receive mental health support. Greg talked about the challenges that affect students and how Options addresses needs and maintains high academic expectations. Programming for both the middle and high school programs was described, including Discovery, mindfulness and meditation, and restorative practices. The Options staff meet weekly to discuss student needs, collaborative planning, and staff development. The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

3. **Middle School 1:1 Initiative**

Mark Lindstone, chief information officer, and Mike Porter, director of technology provided an update on the middle school 1:1 initiative, which provides a chromebook to all district middle school students. Most students are able to take their chromebook home each night, and about 3,100 log-ins are recorded nightly. They recognized the many people in the district who made this initiative possible, including the strong partnership with the learning services department. The presentation started with contrasting the technology inventions that made a difference in the lives of adults today compared with today's students who don't know anything but today's technological way of life.

The chromebooks have the same filters in place when used outside of school, and partnerships with organizations and internet service providers help with connectivity. Students have readily accepted the responsibility associated with use of the chromebooks, and schools and parents are helping to set routines for learning. Increased online access leads to new learning opportunities for students.

Teachers appreciate the 1:1 initiative because it eliminates the need for computer carts and reduces the impact on instructional time previously used to get a laptop from the cart and get logged on. Parents are receiving information on the initiative during back-to-school activities, schedule pick-up, and parent/teacher conferences. The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

4. **Safety and Mental Health Advisory Committee (SMHAC) Update**

Tammy reported that SMHAC will present a report to the Board on April 14 and will ask the Board for additional time so the committee can meet its charge.

5. **Board Liaison Report**

Carrie Warren-Gully, Board liaison said bond program work is ramping up in preparation for projects that will be completed this summer. Runyon Elementary School will hold a grand re-opening on May 24. The annual superintendent's evaluation by the Board is underway, and the Board is pleased with Mr. Ewert's work during his first year. The evaluation will focus on a plan and vision for the 2016-2017 school year. The Board continues its work to review Board policies and continues to focus on human resources policies. It will take about two years to review all Board policies. State budget projections for school districts indicated a \$1.4 million increase with the negative factor held constant. LPS needs a \$2.8 million increase to cover ongoing cost increases, which include a cost of living salary increase, medical benefits cost increases, and mandated PERA increases. District enrollment is expected to be down slightly. Carrie commented that students from the Littleton High School political action committee spoke to the Board about changing high school boundaries to put the new development at Broadway and Dry Creek in the LHS attendance area in order to increase enrollment at LHS. The district has made no decision about what schools students moving into the new development will attend.

6. **Meeting Evaluation and Closure**

Karen Johnson 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 April 20, 2016. The LPS breakfast with legislators at the Capitol is Thursday, April 7, 7:30 am.

Submitted by

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