

**District Accountability Committee
Meeting Notes
August, 19 2008**

DAC Chair, Peter Ruh welcomed new members (First hour, New Member Orientation) Peter ask that everyone introduce themselves including a brief description of themselves, their school and their SIT; DAC Exec members first followed by Jonathan Dings, new district liaison for DAC, then new members.

Peter showed new member power point presentation (available on website <http://bvsd.org/dac/Pages/default.aspx>) included discussion of:

- Description of DAC
- Review process – what will happen in September, October and November
- Evolution of DAC and site review process – quantitative vs. qualitative
- Responsibilities of DAC members

New members will be assigned to review teams at next meeting, Ideally each 3 member team will be made up of 2 members that reviewed the same schools last year. Hard copies of TIES reports will be distributed October 15th

Adjourn for 10 minute break before beginning regular meeting.

DAC Chair, Peter Ruh called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone for the new year. Peter asked that everyone introduce themselves including a brief description of themselves, their school and their SIT; as well as a rating of how well their SIT is functioning. (Scale of 1 to 5, 1 being functioning perfectly and 5 being needs lots of work.)

Name	School	Rating
Peter Ruh		
Jonathan Dings	District Liason (Boulder HS)	
Mike Moran	Centennial Middle	1.5
Rebekah Hartman	Eisenhower Elementary	4.5
Julie Gullet	At Large (Boulder HS)	3
Sharon Dewey	Aspen Creek K-8	5 (No existing SIT)
Rosalynn Gill	Manhattan Middle	
Teegan Sheanin	Lafayette Elementary	
Jennie Whitcomb	Fairview High	4 – 5
Beth Ellis	Douglass Elementary	4.85
David Sterling	Columbine Elementary	4.5
Josh Kibe	Louisville Elementary	1.5 - 2
Pam Stratton	BCSIS	3
Suzette Fike	Jamestown	2 – 3
Kevin Holst	High Peaks Elementary	
Lane Hornung	Crest View Elementary	
Jeff Anderson	At Large	
Lisa Gardner Sweeney	Community Montessori	

Rob Quinn	New Vista High	3
Kari Santos	Foothill Elementary	3
Paula Martin	Flatirons Elementary	
Janine Fitzgerald	Fireside Elementary	2.5 – 3
Jason Rupe	Ryan Elementary	Blank Slate
Karen Brown	Centaurus High	3.5 – 4
John Troeltzsch	Whittier International	2 ? – New Principal
Nathan Balasubramanian	At Large (Angevine)	
Charlene Hernandez	Pioneer	3 (Revolving Principal)
Chitra Seshan	Summit Charter (No SIT – AAA)	
Heather Janelle	Creekside	2 ? - New Principal
Bob Dattore	Broomfield Heights	3
Peggy Merrill	Platt Middle	3 – 4
Jim Pollicita	Coal Creek Elementary	(C) ☺ 3
Brian Yost	Superior Elementary	1
Barry Eakins	Heatherwood Elementary	1 Last year, ? this year
Jay Cabrales	Angevine Middle	3
Jeri Tagawa	Kohl Elementary	3
Megen Princehouse	Broomfield High	2
Kate Kramer	Casey	? New people
Frances Draper	Boulder High	1

Board Member Report:

Jean Paxton -

Progress of construction going on and Crest View re-opening.

Early Childhood Education Center proposed at Mapleton — feasibility study was concluded this summer, coalition will now be working on business plan, Jean estimated it would take 1 year to come back to the board

Upcoming:

Thursday – work session with City of Boulder

Next week – review use of email in school district – new guidelines

Ken Roberge –

DAC Team rating 1.5, we do really good work but there is always room for improvement – values the work that the DAC volunteers do, thanks to everyone.

Review DAC Calendar:

Suggestion of moving September meeting from the 2nd to the 9th or 23rd. 9/2 is the day after Labor Day. Vote – 6 for moving/cannot attend on 9/2. 6 for not moving/cannot attend on the alternate days. Decided to keep original date in favor of staying in line with 1st Tuesday of the month meeting days.

Peter discussed changes to the due dates of the TIES/SIT portfolios, now due October 10, giving schools more time to complete the reports. DAC meets following Wednesday night, October 15th and will be given hard copies of reports at that time.

Peter speaks about his goal for the year – parental involvement, hold principals accountable for achieving greater parent involvement.

Introduction of subcommittees & Chairs

Communications – Megen Princehouse – Focuses on communications paths between SITs/DAC/Board.

Accountable Programs – Lynn Stockebrand - Reviews issues related to curriculum, handles “ad hoc” study requests from the Board

On Site Accreditation– Rob Quinn - Ad-hoc committee currently – may become permanent – participates in site visits and reporting goals for the year.

School Improvement Program Review (SIPR) – Kari Santos - Reviews & revises the process and scoring guides for annual reviews

Budget – Frances Draper - reviews the budget and the budget process as well as co-hosts public budget review with the Superintendent.

School of Choice – Peter Ruh (Acting) Ad hoc – Reviews all charter/focus school applications and renewals. Has not met in a few years.

TIES portfolio – Changes and Omissions

Jonathan Dings – Chief of Planning and Assessment & DAC district liaison discusses. Changes - break out of organization goal to now include an operations goal. Asks DAC members to not score for the first year. Part of deployment is finding the measure.

Possible examples – door locks, food, school environment, safety.

Omitting from the review process the “Work Pages” for Inquiry 1 & 2

Ken Roberge - Explanation of board motivation for adding operational goal. Don’t leave a set of variables unquestioned - to keep a balanced approach to school improvement.

Break into subcommittee discussion groups.

Meeting Adjourned