

# New Member Orientation for District Accountability Committee (DAC) for BVSD

# DAC Materials

Every DAC member should have:

- Access to DAC website
- Nameplate
- New-Member Buddy

# Who (Membership)

- DAC membership consists of one member representing SIT from each BVSD school
- “At large” members are usually previous school representatives who wish to continue serving on DAC
- Principal representative from Elementary and Secondary.
- Each member serves a 2-year term.
- District staff and board liaison attend and support DAC, but are not voting members.

# What

- Perform annual school accreditation review
- Serve on school accreditation site review committees
- Review budget
- Tasks as directed by the School Board
  - DAC is the advisory group for the Board of Education

# When / Where

- BVSD on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Exceptions:
  - School holidays and conflicts with Board meetings
  - Extra meetings to accommodate annual review schedule

# Why

- Required by State of Colorado law
- “Each accountability program must be guided by a representative advisory committee which reviews improvement plans, makes recommendations, and reports its progress.”
- “Make recommendations relative to the prioritization of district expenditures.”

# DAC Bylaws

- Copy of bylaws on the DAC website
- Every DAC member should read and follow the bylaws...which include DAC attendance policy, membership responsibilities, officer responsibilities and chain of communications.

# External Communications

- A board member will attend DAC meetings and question/answer time is allotted
- Other than at meetings, communications with the School Board go through the DAC Chair
- Individuals may certainly communicate with board members, but they may NOT state that they represent the views of DAC
- Requests for information from staff go through the DAC Executive Committee

# Organization - Officers

- Officers are elected to 1 year terms  
Maximum of two successive terms
- Exception: Chair is a 2-year commitment,  
serving as chair-elect for 1 year and then  
as chair

# Organization - Subcommittees

- **School Improvement Program Review (SIPR)**

Revises the process and scoring guides for annual reviews

- **Budget**

Reviews the budget process and the budget and co-hosts public budget review with the Superintendent

- **Schools of Choice (SOC)**

Reviews all charter/focus school applications and renewals

# Organization - Subcommittees

## ■ Communications

Focuses on communications paths between  
SITs/DAC/Board

## ■ Accountable Programs

Reviews issues related to curriculum

Handles “ad hoc” study requests from the Board

# Meetings

- Subcommittee meetings are generally held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Full DAC begins with a member introduction and an attendance roster
- School Board member summary
- Presentations related to DAC business
- Round-robin of member issues

# DAC Executive Committee

- DAC Exec is comprised of the officers and subcommittee chairs
- Meet in Superintendents' Conference Room
- Set agendas and determine speakers
- Meet with School Board to set annual goals/direction

# Next Step

- Full DAC will be meeting for training on this year's annual review process
- Questions?