

PSD District Advisory Board

September 12, 2022
7:00pm-9:00pm
Boardroom

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Scott Schoenbauer (Chair); Lisa Verbsky (Bennett); Mike Thomas (Bennett); Erica Daniell (CLP Elementary, DAC); Carrie DeJulio (CLP Elementary); Lindsay Steele-Idem (Dunn); Mikala Thompson (Kruse); Jami Montoya (Laurel); Nina Sobieski (Laurel); Stephanie Matthews (Linton); Ethnie Treik (McGraw); Nicole Hirschfield (Riffenburgh, Leshner); Erika Michalski (Shepardson); Amanda Koncewicz (Tavelli); Kelly Holdridge (Timnath); Andrea Booth (Traut); Michelle Schnell (Boltz); Angela Lindquist (CLP MS, Poudre, DAB Membership Chair, DAC); Thomas Colino (Kinard); Kristen Bene (Lincoln); Jennifer Klapperich (Preston); Laura Martin (Legislative Liaison, Preston); Rich Davis (Fort Collins); Brady Martucci (Past-Chair, Fossil Ridge); Jenna Goupil (Poudre); Demetreece Langston (Poudre Community Academy); Richard Teck (Rocky Mountain); Jodi Quass (Poudre Global Academy, Compass Community Collaborative); Dave Garner (Polaris Expeditionary); Michelle Duncan (Secretary, Liberty Common); Queen (Chair Elect); Mike Werner (DAB-DAC Liaison); Jim Brokish (Board of Education); Dr. Traci Gile (Asst. Superintendent of Elementary Schools).

I. Welcome

- a. DAB Chair S. Schoenbauer called the meeting to order. Welcomed everyone in attendance, followed by the introduction of the official Ground Rules for DAB meetings:
 1. Assume positive intent;
 2. Listen to learn and understand;
 3. Criticize ideas, not individuals;
 4. Learn, collaborate and communicate;
 5. Where voting is necessary, each school gets 1 vote.

He also requested no political stands.

- b. Introduced the members of the DAB Executive Team:
 - Chair-Elect: Queen
 - Membership: Angela Lindquist
 - Legislative Committee: Laura Martin
 - Secretary: Michelle Duncan
 - Academic Committee: Janna Walker
 - DAC-DAB Liaison: Mike Werner

- c. Requested each DAB Representative to introduce themselves by name, school representing and any goals for DAB this year.
- d. He discussed the theme for the year: “Helping Our Students Thrive at All Levels.”
- e. The May minutes were approved by the membership without objection; 21 in favor and 0 against.

II. Committee Updates

- a. **Membership Chair:** A. Lindquist reported. Noted that Primary Representative is the voting Representative, Secondary can vote if Primary is out. Only one vote per person regardless of number of schools represented by that person. Some schools don’t have Representatives; the 2 new schools need Representatives. Each DAB member introduced self by name, school, and goals for DAB.
- b. **Academic Chair:** J. Walker is out sick.
- c. **Legislative Committee:** L. Martin has no news to report as things are just getting started.
- d. **District Accountability Committee:** M. Werner reported. Has recently attended 2 meetings, where 3 Performance Challenges were identified: Literacy, Mental Health/Belonging, and Graduating with Options. Also discussed the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). Spoke about School Performance framework sessions (community engagement meetings); information regarding the sessions can be found on PSD website.
- e. **DEI Committee:** Needs representatives. Anyone interested in participating and/or leading the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee can express interest via email: dabreps@gmail.com or text S. Schoenbauer at 970-215-6086.

III. Board of Education Update-Board of Education

DAB Liaison-Jim Brokish

- a. J. Brokish discussed the purposes of DAB: information sharing to parents and other PSD stakeholders; forum for feedback and guidance on PSD issues and proposals; representatives from each school who are dedicated to making PSD better.
- b. J. Brokish spoke of areas for DAB to assist the BoE and the District by helping to increase awareness and understanding of the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP), giving feedback and by eventually championing the longer-term Strategic Plan.
- c. Questions for DAB members:
 1. What value can you as a DAB member provide to your school, specifically on information sharing: How do you intersect with your school and structure a way to disseminate information?
 2. What do you need from the BoE/District/DAB?

IV. PSD Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Update and Q&A

PSD Chief Institutional Effectiveness Office-Dwayne Schmitz
Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools-Dr. Traci Giles
Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools-Scott Neilsen

- a. D. Schmitz introduced the PSD Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) and distributed a hand-out to members outlining the Action Steps of the Priority Performance Challenges (PPC), derived from the data collected from surveys. Along with consensus from the District Accountability Board (DAC), 3 Priority Performance Challenges were validated:
 1. Literacy Instruction and Practice-learning to read, reading to learn
 2. Mental Health/Belonging-Healthy Kids Colorado
 3. Graduating with Options
- b. D. Schmitz shared a slide-show presentation with data indicating the results of student performance. He shared that the data showed higher achievement in learning pre-Covid, which were declining pre-Covid and continue to decline. There has been some bounce back, but not to pre-Covid levels. He also presented differences by ethnicity and income-level. He shared the PSD Promise of a base level across all schools with room for flexibility.
 1. Literacy-learning to read, reading to learn
 2. Mental Health/Belonging-Healthy Kids Colorado surveys results and Social Emotional Learning (SEL): top staff concerns include a decrease in student emotional well-being.
 3. Graduation with Options: identifying students' interests and passions. D. Schmitz spoke about how it is hard to say the students are graduation with options if they are not graduating. He also spoke a field trip for DAB members to the Future's Lab.
- c. Following D. Schmitz's presentation was a Q&A opportunity for members to ask questions. D. Schmitz answered a few questions and provided his email address for further inquiries at dschmitz@psdschools.org.

V. Closing

- a. Farewell: S. Schoenbauer asked members to please share with your schools and advised that the meetings will occur the 1st Monday of every month in the boardroom at Johannsen Support Services Center.
- b. Adjournment: S. Schoenbauer concluded the meeting at 9:10 pm.

--Michelle Duncan, DAB Secretary