



A regular meeting of the DISTRICT ADVISORY ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE was held on Monday, September 19, 2016. The first meeting of the school year was held at the Bayfield Elementary Primary School Cafeteria.

**Present:** Deb Wilhelm, Mark Haeussler, Troy Zabel, Sue Johnson, Gayle Du Pree, Jen Dvorak, Kristin Dallison, Vanessa Barnard, Elizabeth von Tauffkirchen. Janie Hoover.  
Guest: Amy Lyons.

1. **Introductions** were made after the meeting was called to order at 6 pm. Welcome to those returning, and those attending for the first time!

2. **Approval of Minutes** from April 18, 2016. Since that meeting was so long ago, we didn't worry about looking at and approving the minutes from April.

3. **Bond Election Information** was shared: Amy had informational handouts. She mentioned the BEST Grant that our district has been awarded, contingent on our district passing the bond. The grant would pay about a quarter of the grant. We would build a new school for grades 3-5 on land across from BMS that the district already owns. The existing elementary school would be remodeled to house grades K-2. The district would also address some drop off problems at the elementary school and up in the mid school area. We are working hard to get the word out. Voters that don't have children in the district may not be aware of our needs, and our bond. Through the new school and the remodel, we should be able to address 7 sections at each grade level. We don't want to have to come back to the taxpayers in a few years. Average value of a Bayfield home is \$286,000 so if the bond passes the added cost to homeowners would be about \$200.00 per year. IF the bond passes, we would hit the ground running with the project team the next day. We hope we would be able to open the new school in 2018. Amy is available on her personal time to answer any questions you may have.

**4. 2016-2017 Focus for DAAC, Legislative Responsibilities, & Recruitment:**

Legislative mandate for school districts - - review/provide feedback on: budget; Unified Improvement Plan; Charter school applications – not an issue for us; determining areas of issues that should be a focal point – what some 'big ticket items' are that we might need to put extra energy towards; assessments; proposed school district calendar.

The calendar committee wanted to adopt a calendar for 2017 so we will be looking at that this. A 2016/17 school district calendar was handed out with all the SAAC/DAAC meeting dates for the year on the backside.

At the end of last year we started discussing how we can make our school more welcoming. Schools may feel intimidating due to the security measures we have at all the schools. We want parents to feel welcome coming to school not just when they 'have to' but other times as well. The district has been addressing communication issues.

Gayle mentioned the various activities that have occurred at the elementary school at the past, and new activities that will be added. Suggested that how we can incorporate volunteer opportunities for parents at the mid and high schools. Mark mentioned that he found out that there is not an active parent group at the middle school such as PTSA.

Ideas were brainstormed on how to bring in some more community involvement.

Invite professionals to come in to talk about their professions, or have senior citizens come in to teach skills such as knitting. Host barbeques, or an ice cream social to start building community. It would be wonderful to have something at the beginning of the school year - - perhaps early September or should we have it coincide with Homecoming week? It was suggested that this year each school try to plan something that is age appropriate for the ages/grade levels they serve.

How do we build DAAC membership? Maybe have each principal personally invite some parents. Make sure our meetings are constructive. Mark asked the mid school principal if he could contribute a letter to the online newsletter that is sent out. That is an idea that each accountability committee could use.

Also, setting a consistent place and time may help attendance. We will plan on DAAC meetings to be at the administration building.

**5. School Reports: BES** – Gayle Du Pree reported. The diagnostic review team was a competitive grant so there is a team of two ladies that will be at the elementary school for three days. There will be a debriefing with staff on Wednesday, and the ladies will come back during the school year. They were meeting the same time as our DAAC. Gayle said also on the agenda was a report by Cory Poitry, and they hoped to elect officers.

**BMS** - Mark said they met Monday, 9/12, and discussed the Healthy Kids Survey results. Not sure why there is still a perception of students feeling unsafe at this school, kids should feel safe all the time at school. Some the survey questions should probably be rewritten. Is enough done to inform students about adult role models? Students do have a home room this year for the first ten minutes. The intent of that is to give students the feeling that they can speak out and have an adult to speak to in the mornings. Misperception about what the free/reduced lunch information is used for. The mid school would like to have some support from the PTSA group - - their children will become middle schoolers one day. Mark asked Todd what he needed most from his accountability committee and Todd said he needs help getting parents involved.

**BHS** - Jen reported that the BHSAAC will be meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 5:30. On the agenda...

Healthy Kids survey results; bond information; MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports). The Wolverine Center opened this year – it is a school within the school – students who struggle within the traditional classroom setting. There are internship opportunities. The Wolverine Cup will be discussed, there are six different teams. Each team has a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and senior. They have already had a fight song competition. Lots of team building activities. They will also discuss the dual/concurrent enrollment options.

6. **Superintendent Report** – as a regional effort a grant was awarded to work on mental health, and rewrite health and wellness policies Health Foundation Grant; that is a two year process. Being worked on in the district office – the bond. We cannot campaign, as a district, but have hired the owner’s representative to hire contractors, and architect. TWAC competitive bid is out. Troy’s schedule has been impacted greatly due to going back and forth to treatment. Amy is doing a phenomenal job as acting superintendent.

CDE came and honored our district for closing the achievement gap. Troy showed the framed certificate.

Administrative team focus areas: MTSS unit design; retooled Title positions. Title 7 has become Title 6 so we are identifying who has tribal membership and should have access to services. Open enrollment procedures are being tightened up. It is a nice problem to have. Assessment training - implemented the Galileo testing. Walk-through evaluation tool has been designed and that is just starting up for the administrators to use. Troy mentioned several grants/focus areas such as: Diagnostic Review grant; Start Strong (targeted towards Kindergarten); Colorado legacy foundation helped change a lot of practices in the district - now we are one of two BOCES in the state involved. We will keep things that came out of the integration work. Peer coaching is still in place. Colorado Education Initiative is another grant. Work with the superintendents will be the MTSS. Grant written for \$4000 to get training for Cory Poitry. Assessment Data Review will be done at one of our upcoming meetings, we will look at the trend overall. State comparison data shows that we moved up.

Feedback about Open House – there was information about three schools that it felt unorganized. No one was there to greet parents and tell them where to go. This is problematic for parents/students that are new to the district so this needs to be addressed.

We were complimented on our school security.

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on at October 17, administration building at 6:00.

Meeting was adjourned before 8:00!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Johnson, Secretary