



DISTRICT ADVISORY ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2015

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Meeting was held at the District Administration Building

Present: Sue Johnson, Troy Zabel, Debbie Wilhelm, Gayle Reynolds, Gayle Du Pree, Mike Foutz, Leon Hanhardt, Laurie Roberts, Preston Roberts, Jenni Killough, Christine Sterling, Mark Haeussler, Bill Bishop.

1. **Introductions:** Introductions were made. Thanks to the new people that attended, and thanks to the dedicated returnees.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Gayle Du Pree moved, Gayle Reynolds seconded, to approve the May 7 minutes. Motion carried.

Proposed adjustments to the agenda. Move item 4 to the next meeting- the School Board Charge to DAAC. Move item #8 to up to the #4 slot. Since this is a full agenda, Troy would like to remove the superintendent's report.

3. **Membership, election of officers:** Since our chairperson and vice chairperson are both running for the school board, Debbie moved that we wait to elect officers until the December 14 meeting. Sue seconded that. Nobody disagreed to have Sue remain as secretary, so Sue will continue as Secretary.

4. ~~School Board charge to DAAC~~ – this has been moved to the October 26 meeting.

4. **Bill Bishop, director of technology** for Bayfield district reported on the **New Website:** Our district 'outgrew' the previous website. Our website needed to be more accessible for the public and parents. Bill's goal was to make sure Bayfield would be represented through the website, and that it would be modern. He showed us all the great features and how much easier it is to use now. Each principal is supposed to write a weekly newsletter for the website. Any teacher/administrator/school staff member can add items to the website, along with pictures. The secretary of each building will hopefully make sure that the information is kept current. It was suggested that minutes of the DAAC meeting be available on the district website. Question about where to find the salary schedule for coaches. Salary schedules can be found under the quick link named "financial transparency".

5. **CAS and ACT Assessment Results:** Handouts were provided to attendees. BHS students made a strong showing on the ACT scores. Our students' composite scores were higher than the state composite scores.

CMAS scores are compared against state scores. Within science and social studies. We have given two consecutive years. Fourth grade SS – our scores have gone up fairly significantly, we are still below the state scores but they are closing the gap. Grade 7 grew and is above the state average, Grade 8 science is significantly above the state average. High school science last year was at the senior level. This year it will be a junior level assessment. High school science scores state average was 595, compared to 646 -- our high school average. Woohoo great job. See chart at the end of the minutes.

All juniors will be taking the PSAT the week of October 12.

ACT prep will still be offered to juniors.

6. 2016 BEST Grant and Potential Bond Initiative: Been in the process of researching a bond initiative in 2016. Packaging together screening process to choose an architectural firm. Kept the fee proposal out of their applications. Two phase process; first will apply for a BEST grant. That is money set aside in Colorado. Marijuana tax money is helping to fund that. The grant money is for capital improvements. We chose Chamberlin Architects out of Grand Junction. Working with them to first prepare for the BEST grant. We need to have some estimates on building a new building, and doing remodeling. They have interviewed staff, community members and have visited the schools. The BEST Grant opens up in January. The firm is doing an assessment of the current site, looking at overcrowding and safety issues, and what it would take to make the current K-5 building a K-2 building and then build a new 3-5 building. The district already owns the land. We are looking a 15 -20% growth differential. Drawings are not done. Right now looking at square footage. Want to make it acceptable to the public.

BEST money – right now we can ask for up to a 29% match.

Currently looking for a bonding company. There are four major ones in Colorado. We received three proposals. Starting the process to interview those firms Tuesday Oct. 6. To make a decision on the bonding company.

We have a good start, trying to be very thoughtful on moving forward and being ready for November 2016.

7. PLC Unit Design Work – Troy is excited about some of the work that is being done with the teachers. Grassroots – templates have been designed internally. Trying to bring teacher voice back to the process. Troy has a presentation and would like to give this topic more time so it will be moved to the Oct. 26 meeting.

8. New Website (Bill Bishop) – moved up to item #4 on the agenda.

9. School Reports: BHS- Leon Hanhardt: Jen Dvorak prepared the report for Leon. The most recent BHSAAC meeting was held on Sept 15. They discussed the results from the Healthy Kids Developmental Asset Survey given last October 2014. This year the Healthy Kids Colorado survey will be administered on Oct. 20, it will be opt out. Last year the SAAC

set the priorities master schedule, bell schedule, RTI. This year Rtl is the focus for them. Not just slow learners but all across the spectrum. Stipend position for the high school will be advertised– Rtl coordinator. Really want to improve student achievement. The job description will be out this next week

Average composite score of ACT, high school met that goal in one year. Now they need to maintain it. In CMAS BHS scored higher than state average in all the areas.

Restructure of seminar was discussed. BHS will be looking into implementing a program within the seminar to help increase the feeling of belonging and a positive environment at BHS. A group will go over to Pagosa to see what they are doing with their Pirate Cup program. Also being researched is the achievement club that Pagosa has implemented.

SAAC meeting dates are set for the rest of the year. They are: December 1, March 16, and April 19. Meetings are from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

BMS report: Sept. 14 was the meeting. Lauri and Mark: talked about Healthy Kids assessment results. The assessment is an October survey so the data they were looking at was from last year. Pleased with most of the scores, there was a significantly higher number of girls over boys that reported bullying. Not sure if there is more reporting of it OR if it is a bigger issue. It was presented that improvements are being made, but that is pretty nebulous. What are we doing about the assessment results? The kids need to know why they are asked to fill out these assessments. The principal would like to have social emotional goals on the UIP. The principal will sit down with the counselor and come to the next meeting more prepared to discuss the survey. No chairperson at BMSAAC yet.

Student perception survey. Have a new Check and Connect counselor. That is to help target at-risk kids.

Future BMSAAC meetings are set for December 7, February 1, April 4 and May 2. Meetings begin at 3:45/

BES; Gayle: reviewed officers in place, new parents came; purpose of SAAC was covered; what should be the focus for this year. Next meeting will focus on the nutrition program at the school. Julie Whitmore, Director of Nutrition along with Chantel will be at the next SAAC meeting. Elections have not been held for officers yet. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9.

Sidenote: BES is on an Improvement plan due to reading scores because of the growth rate. The district appealed but was denied. Added some interventionists in reading. Implemented the Read Well program. Seeing some good, early results with that information. BES will be on the improvement plan for a couple of years because the state isn't re-rating schools this year.

~~10. Superintendent Report— not this meeting.~~

Troy asked if bullying is a topic that DAAC should look at, or if we should focus on some social/emotional issues; relationship building. Troy is going to ask the board if they have any specific things that they would like DAAC to work on this year.

11. Next Meeting is scheduled for October 26. We will meet at BHS.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Johnson, Secretary

Future meeting topics:

- PLC Design Unit Work
- Election of officers
- School board charge to DAAC
- Role of DAAC members

**CMAS Science and Social Studies Data Study:
Bayfield School District vs CO Average Scale Scores for 2014 and 2015**

CMAS Grade and Content	District 2014	State 2014	District 2015	State 2015
Grade 4 Social Studies	556	597	597	606
Grade 5 Science	574	597	599	600
Grade 7 Social Studies	592	598	609	601
Grade 8 Science	619	595	606	585