



**District Advisory and Accountability Meeting Notes
20 March 2017 at District Office**

Mark Haeussler, Vice Chair (and Secretary for tonight's meeting) and Middle School SAAC Chair
Jamie Hoover, Board
Amy Lyons, Acting Superintendent
Gail Dupree
Rich Dupree
Jen Forest
Laurie Roberts
Gail Reynolds
Elizabeth vonTauffkirchen

Construction Update

Lyons provided a construction update:
Breaking ground in two weeks
When school is out, work to start at elementary school and middle school parking lot
New school to open fall 2018
Marty at FCI has been a fantastic project manager
Groundbreaking dates and details to be provided

School Schedule

Lyons presented school schedule
Haeussler asked if open-house days could be adjusted so middle and high schools not at the same time. This would support parents who have multiple children and DAAC and Board and others to attend both.

Welcoming Environment Initiative

Elementary School has engaged a number of parent/community-related events:
Grandparent Day
Career Day
Thanksgiving Feast
Winter Dance (350 ppl)
Fall Festival
Next year:
Better tours
Information night
Ice cream social
Look to see how PTSA can support science fair ongoing
Explore other initiatives to get parents more involved
The SAACs are to take back these ideas and continue to generate potential initiatives.

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Work with PTSA – parent/grade level liasons.

Haeussler reported that the PTSA president resigned due to relocation.

School events could look to include teachers and administrators to greet people at the door to have a more personal welcoming effort. Recent events at the High School (the Safety Night and the High School Orientation) have had issues with doors being locked and no one greeting parents.

No update on the Middle School efforts as the meeting occurs later this week. Intent is for some members of PTSA to participate at the SAAC to gain their insights and ideas.

Mark discussed the Keys to High School Success program (and twin program for young women). This year's program for Boys is May 5th at Ft Lewis College. Haeussler volunteers at this event and finds it worthwhile (as does David Kelley). Flier attached from last year's program.

Superintendent Report

San Juan BOCES – Durango 9R is separating to run their own special needs programs, Per Adrea, the executive director, the core group of people providing services will remain the same for Bayfield.

It is possible that this could increase the cost to Bayfield.

Troy underwent surgery. He is participating as much as he can, and the principals have stepped up to run their own schools.

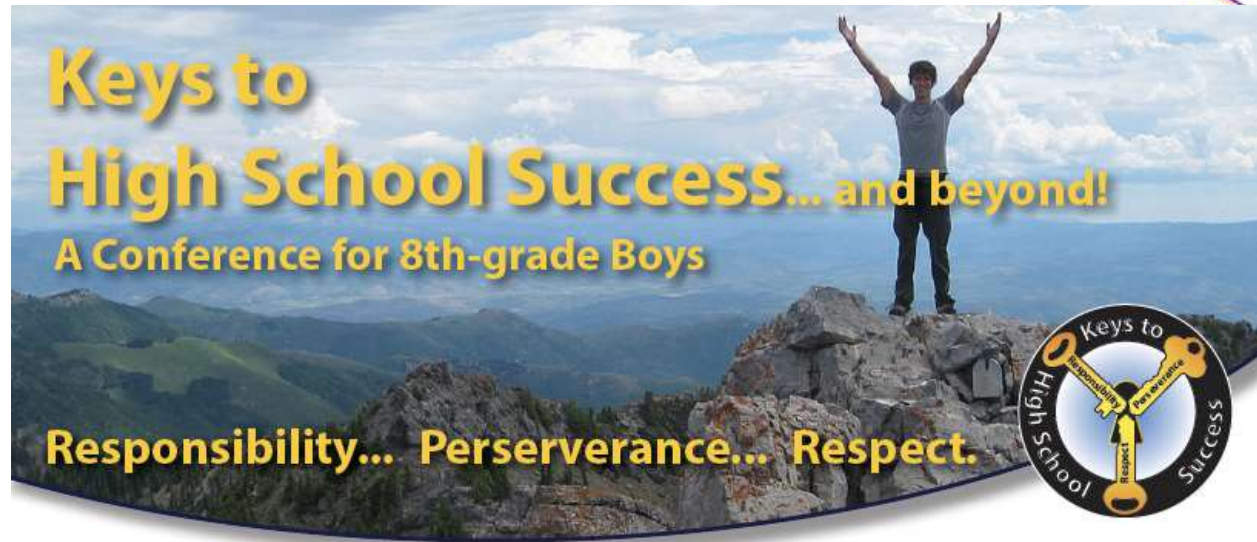
Here was discussion on whether succession planning for the superintendent was in place, and, if there are concerns, is it a matter for the School Board or DAAC. Hoover expressed that the board is aware of the concern. No direction or specific exploration of a confidential matter.

Amy to follow-up on meetings on the website to insure they are up to date.

Susan Johnson has resigned as secretary. Haeussler acted as secretary and took notes.

Participants were encouraged to recruit for a new DAAC secretary.

Next DAAC meeting 27 April at the District Office.



We welcome you to the 3rd annual **Keys to High School Success...and beyond!** conference for 8th-grade boys who are about to transition to High School.

In a fun, physically challenging environment, the boys will explore topics around:

- Healthy Relationships
- Positive Self-Image
- Advocacy

The goal of the boys' conference, aimed for all transitioning 8th-grade boys, is to teach and embed the appropriate tools to support students in their efforts to build positive self image, strong relationships with others, and a deep sense of self-advocacy; all of which lead to their success in high school and beyond. Through interactive, engaging workshops, the students will gain skills in these areas, which are delivered in an academic setting and align with state health standards.



Date: Thursday, May 5, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Fort Lewis College
1000 Rim Drive, Durango, CO

Durango School District 9-R will provide transportation and lunch for all participants thanks to the generous support of sponsors and donors.

Thank you to all of our community partners for making this conference happen, especially:



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