

District Accountability Committee

Tuesday, August 23, 2022
Dos Rios Restaurant 6:00pm

Call to Order

On Tuesday, August 23, 2022 the DAC held a meeting at Dos Rios Restaurant in Monte Vista, CO. President of DAC Theresa Kaiser-Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

Present at the meeting: Shon Davis, Trish Slater, Lyza Davis, Lyla Hathaway, Theresa Kaiser-Griffin, Amanda Andrews, Joni Hemmerling, Jamie Behil, Clay Mitchell, Kyler J. Brown, Jay Sarason, Heather Hefner, Nicole Rockey, Christa K. Davis, Brian Crowther, and Lacie Paulson; constituting a quorum.

The DAC meeting being recorded by individuals was questioned, and it was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting

Christa K. Davis's name was misspelled in previous minutes, so the minutes were approved with the correction. The minutes and agenda were approved.

Principals/Superintendent Updates

Mrs. Hemmerling gave the elementary updates. There were two new teachers hired. There was a Back to School BBQ night held on the 17th of August. Mrs. Hemmerling discussed the "umbrella model", where teachers analyze their students' abilities in math and they turn the paperwork into Mrs. Hemmerling and Mr. Crowther to review so they can appropriately put the students in the correct math group that is best for their abilities. CPR certification will be available on some Fridays for teachers.

The Highschool Principal, Shelley David, was unable to attend the DAC Meeting.

Superintendent Brian Crowther gave the superintendent update. There will be NWEA testing for grades 6-12. The Sargent Schools attendance is about identical to last year, it is early to tell, but the count is 331, where last year it was 329. Technology teacher was hired. There is an opening for Director of Transportation and Director of Maintenance. The AC/VC has been difficult, all schools are having issues with their systems, Sargent schools need someone who is knowledgeable in this area. Mr. Crowther said the staff is focusing on moving forward as a district with team work, unity, and coming together with common goals; to be efficient and provide customer service with performance, kindness, and appreciation. A Highschool counselor was hired; she is in a licensure program and will be licensed by end of year. The Safety Committee met last week. "I Love You Guys" Foundation is our school safety program. There are scheduled lockdown drills and fire drills for this semester. Officer Dave patrols the Elementary School and the High School/Junior High.

Lyza Davis, a Sargent Junior High student gave a Junior High update: the cross country, football, and volleyball teams are up and running. David Larson is teaching JH math. A substitute is

teaching for the English teacher who is out on maternity leave. The Student Council elections would be held in two weeks. The 8th graders would put on a dance would be the 8th of September.

Open Issues

2022-2023 Budget Updates and Priorities

Commission is looking at school finance. How we can help teachers with benefits or meaningful perks. 1338 Council is weighing in on staff self-evaluation and performance of students. The BS Factor was reduced by 185 million, but there is still 185 million more to go to make a difference. After two years of free lunches because of COVID funding the program has ended, so students who are able to will have to pay again.

Directives for 2022-2023 School Year

The DAC Directives were approved at the School Board meeting August 22, 2022

1. Performance evaluation, develop and modify plan. Review and suggest RANDA review.
2. Coordinate District calendar. (Move up a month on the school board timeline of duties to 1st quarter.)
3. Community engagement-school service, parent involvement in buildings, school spirit, school pride and facilities improvements.
4. Identify services that are available and build relationships with private, government or school related groups to offer wrap-around services for all students and families.
5. Grant writing-community members?
6. Understanding data better, where are the weak areas, and help us identify problems.
7. Landscape project
8. Student group-leader in me- attend DAC meetings.
9. Budget Review.

Trish Slater noted there was a missing directive on the DAC Directives. DAC will try to have the performance evaluation ready to submit to the School Board in November. Have the District Calendar proposal in January. DAC to encourage community in asking coaches, Athletic Director, students to come and inform DAC members. Making the families of students aware of the services provided at Sargent, ex: BOCES, social services, etc. The Grant writing is on going with many possibilities. Try to get Sargent community aware of the acronyms of different school parental groups and encourage involvement. The landscape project is ongoing. Encourage student groups such as Leader in Me and STUCO to attend DAC for updates. In January DAC needs a report of the budget to review so we can be aware of where we are at on the budget so that DAC can submit proposal to the school board in April.

New Business

DAC discussed developing a policy regarding recordings of meetings to present to the board to see if it's approved. A DAC member can record the meeting and it will be held for 3 months at the district office. Trish made the motion and Nicole seconded the motion. The next meeting will be recorded by a DAC member. Amanda Andrews passed out a proposal for School Board Meeting Minutes Guideline.

Jay Sarason brought a large arial view of the Sargent land that could be used for various proposals: landscaping, parking area, shop, Ag building/Hanger or Bay for aviation, CTE building.

Jay asked for the picture to be available to the public for their ideas and proposals at home games, and in the schools. Donations and funding needed. At the Ag conference, the public were unanimous in agreement of how important shop/aviation, CTE, and practical skills are for students in life. Send ideas to AGshop@Sargent.k12.co.us

Identify parent engagement

Mrs. Brown will be asked to have a math night for students and parents to help explain math this semester if possible. Get updates on HS games to public so attendance at games grows. Theresa Kaiser-Griffin adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm. The next DAC meeting will be at 6:00pm October 4, 2022.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lacie Paulson