

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 19, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Strikethrough indicates committee member NOT in attendance

Emily Adams	Jessica Gregg	Crystal Marine
Greg Aigner	Quentin Griffin	Jennifer Miller
Andrea Aikin	Michelle Grove	Carrie Mumma
David Alex	Corky Guy	Victoria Myles King
Denise Alleman	Harry Tasha	Therese Rednor
Rob Applegate	Evie Hudak	Diego Rodriguez
Elizabeth Armstrong	Heather Hyland	Cheryl Secorski
Skyler Artes	Richard Kalasky	Karen Sweeney
Jeanine Baird	Elizabeth Kantner	Maegen Traey
Jeff Baucum	Erin Kenworthy	Kaylie Weese
Kim Bierbrauer	Michelle Kuenzler	Sari Weichbrodt
Parker Brown	Valerie Leal	Caroline Zimmerman
Leslie Dennis	Orin Levy	Annie Contractor
Carsten Engebretsen	Anita Lewis	
Caitlin Fitzpatrick	Austin Long	
Dawn Fritz	Emily Lubkert	
Staff Liaisons		
*Dave Weiss		
*Tara Pena		

Guests:

Greece Butte, Executive Assistant to Tara Peña, Chief of Family & Community Partnerships

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Charter Review
- VOTE: Charter Recommendation Vote
- Adjournment

Actions:

Action	VOTE: Charter Recommendation Vote Jeff Baucum called for a vote at 5:55 Results: Yes- 22 Abstain- 1
Action	Adjournment DAC adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:59 p.m.

Notes:

Information	Welcome and Introductions Therese Rednor, DAC Chair welcomed members to the meeting.
Action	Approval of Agenda and Minutes A quorum was established at 5:38.
Information	Charter Review- Jeff Baucum Thanks to members for attending during holiday season. The purpose of this meeting is to review the application from Jefferson Academy to establish a Charter at Coal Creek Canyon K-8. The Charter School Subcommittee evaluation was performed within 3 weeks, and much faster than typical evaluation due to expedited process to support family enrollment decisions. Applicant Jefferson Academy was the most viable candidate for taking over Coal Creek Canyon K-8 facility. They submitted a replicated application due to previous experience with the district. Jefferson Academy already has rural school in operation, and pertinent experience. Strong interest from the community in terms of ~100 letters of interest from family with potential students. Finances were the only “2” rating. However, the board of JA is very supportive. They have expressed a desire to keep the community feel. The Charter School Subcommittee suggests recommendation for full approval. Crystal Marine- how many of the students are in person vs. online? Answer-that information is available in the packet. Annie Contractor- does the school anticipate alleviating the tight financial situation with additional enrollment? Jeff Baucum & David Weiss- Yes, their application anticipates recapturing students and expanding enrollment with the addition of a preschool, and before and after school care. The budget is conservative, and the board has earmarked funds as a buffer. Materials: Charter School New Applications Recommendations DAC Charter School Sub-Committee Proposed Nov 2023.docx Replication Application for JA Coal Creek Canyon – Final 12-01-2023.pdf 2023.12.19._DAC_CharterCommVote_agenda.pdf
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