

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 22, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

**Strikethrough** indicates committee member NOT in attendance

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

**Guests:**

Tracy Dorland, Superintendent

Dr. Carol Eaton, Executive Director, Instructional Data Services

David Weiss, Chief of Schools

Tara Pena, Chief of Family and Community Partnerships

Brian Sammons, Director of Budget and Treasury

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

**Agenda:**

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- Welcome and Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - Review of DUIP
  - School Finance 101
  - District Reorganization
  - SAC Kickoff Information
  - Adjournment

**Actions:**

Action	Approval of Agenda and Minutes Tonight's agenda was approved by unanimous consent. Minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
Action	Adjournment DAC adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:3 p.m.

**Notes:**

Information	Welcome and Introductions Therese Rednor, DAC Chair welcomed members to the meeting and introduced guests. A quorum was established. Tracy Dorland, Superintendent thanked members, leadership, and staff members for their participation and spoke on the importance of family partnership, and building parent and community based leaders.
Action	Approval of Agenda and Minutes Tonight's agenda was approved by unanimous consent. Minutes from the September 20th meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
Information	<b>Review of DUIP: Presented by Dr Carol Eaton</b> Overview of United Improvement Plan and District Unified Improvement Plan requirements and process. Overview of 2023 revision to the DUIP including focus areas and major improvement strategies. DAC members reflected that the mindset of being offered assistance rather than correction is important in schools requiring additional supports. Required weekly school data reviews to occur during existing meetings. Review of 2023 data analysis and root causes determination. Request for additional data on most underperforming segments. DUIP is a living document continuously updated with new results and response strategies.
Information	<b>School Finance 101 by Brian Sammons</b> Overview of how school finance works, including state and local proportions of funding, and federally-funded programs. There were several questions related to causes of enrollment decline and prediction for growth areas. The primary causes of recent enrollment were described as low birthrate, aging in place, and pandemic associated loss. A boundary study, the first in decades, will take into account growth areas like NW Arvada. The presentation will be made available digitally after the meeting.
information	<b>District Reorganization by David Weiss and Tara Pena:</b> Presented new organizational chart. A district reorganization was implemented to support major initiatives of student outcomes, and central services in support of student outcomes. Central services support teams and HR teams assigned to articulation areas. School leadership is tracking time spent on instructional leadership to gauge effect. Family Response Service Team implemented to assist families with a single source solution for navigating challenges. Ms. Pena reports 90 of the first 100 cases

	were solved in house, offloading school-based resources. The growth in FRST & HR partners employee numbers were offset by cuts in teaching and learning and school leadership departments and others.
Information	<b>SAC Kickoff Information: Therese Rednor</b> SAC Kick-off scheduled for August 29, 2023 at Alameda International 5:30 – 7:30. Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome and Introductions</li><li>2. Panel comprised of principals and SAC Chairs</li><li>3. Articulation Area break out meet &amp; greets</li><li>4. Survey distributed for each AA to collect SAC Chair names, meeting dates, and needs</li></ol>
Information & Action	Vote on DAC Secretary position. Elizabeth Armstrong voted Secretary by a show of hands. Open Discussion & Adjournment. This DAC meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.