

Accountability/Accreditation Meeting Minutes for 4/14/15

Laurie Rayhill, Chairperson
Liz Garcia, Minutes

*Roll of the Committee Members

Present: Laurie Rayhill, Joan Martin, Jane Wolford, Melanie Patterson, Mark Spencer, Josie Vigil, Janis Hughes, Laura Anna

District Representative: Diane Lauer

*Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2015

The March 10, 2015, meeting minutes were approved by committee. Janis made the motion to approve and Melanie seconded the motion. The committee approved the minutes unanimously.

*DAAC Budget Input

The committee gave input to each of the four questions that were asked of the School Accountability Committee.

DAAC feedback:

Questions:

- What are some ways to increase revenue?
- What are some ways to reduce costs or improve efficiencies?
- What programs, services, and other District practices should be maintained?
- What programs and services could be delayed or eliminated?

Question 1: What are some ways to increase revenue?

- Bonds/Mill Levy: hesitant to ask for more from voters. Open enrollment to SVVSD has flipped over the last few years with more students coming in to the district than leaving. This has helped with revenue.
- Bus ads – including district messaging
- Business partnerships
- Support enrollment
- APEX program – enrollment increasing. Customer service important to any home school students.

Question 2: What are some ways to reduce costs or improve efficiencies?

- Monitor energy usage
- Awareness of energy usage
- Conservation efforts
- Incentivize energy savings
- Incentivize teachers for not using days off – saves on sub pay and keeps the best teacher in the classroom – best for kids.
- Monitor paper usage. This has decreased with the LTP rollout, but paper is still necessary.
- Use interactive notebooks when possible

Question 3: What programs, services, and other District practices should be maintained?

- The APEX program
- LTP
- Support of digital curriculum
- On-line resources
- Maintain infrastructure – hardware
- Maintain necessary bandwidth
- Maintain long-term IT plan
- Maintain the wrapped community school program
- Keep a minimum of 1 literacy teacher per building

- Intervention support
- GT programs
- Community schools – enrichment classes
- Supported FOCUS program
- Mental health professionals
- Leadership St. Vrain
- Professional Development
- Pre-school

Question 4: What programs and services could be delayed or eliminated?

- No feedback in this area

*Review SAC Budget Feedback

The SAC budget feedback was reviewed in conjunction with the DAAC input. See attached summary of the SAC budget feedback. Appreciation was given for the time and consideration that the SACs gave to list their ideas regarding the budget. This information will be shared with the CFO, who will then share with the BOE.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.