

Accountability/Accreditation Meeting Minutes for 9/8/15

Laurie Rayhill, Chairperson

Linda Lang, Minutes

Roll of the Committee Members

Present: Laurie Rayhill, Joan Martin, Janis Hughes, Jane Wolford, Melanie Patterson

Absent: Josie Vigil, Laura Anna, Mark Spencer

District Representative: Diane Lauer

Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2015

The April 14, 2015 meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the committee. Joan made the motion to approve and Janis seconded the motion.

Science and Social Studies CMAS

Diane Lauer stood in for Tori Teague, who was ill.

Diane reviewed the 2015 Social and Social Studies CMAS data with the committee. This information is summarized in the attached document. Diane noted that the state BOE decided not to release the social studies scores for 12th graders.

Janis noted that the scores for 4th and 5th graders may not indicate proficiency, since children of that age are not “test-savvy” and don’t have experience taking online tests. For example, they may spend too much time on certain questions, etc.

District Performance Framework Report

Diane reviewed the four state performance indicators.

1. Student Achievement Levels
2. Academic Growth
3. Growth Gaps
4. Post Secondary and Workforce Readiness (for high schools only)

Diane noted that with the passage of House Bill 15-1323, all schools will continue to implement the plan type they were assigned in the fall of 2014.

Diane reviewed the school performance frameworks for Burlington Elementary and Skyline High School.

Janis noted that the second page of the report is used by the schools to work on their UIPs and set goals for the next year.

Diane pointed out that schools have done a great job working with English Language Learners, and now the biggest growth gaps are with students who have learning disabilities. Diane also noted that Skyline HS made “performance” for this first time.

Accreditation of schools recommendation

Diane reviewed the six accreditation categories.

- Level 1: Accredited with Distinction (Performance Plan)
- Level 2: Accredited (Performance Plan)
- Level 3: Accredited with Improvement Plan
- Level 4: Accredited with Priority Improvement Plan
- Level 5: Accredited with Turnaround Plan
- Level 6: Unaccredited

St. Vrain schools all fall in Levels 1-4. Three schools are on Priority Improvement – Northridge Elementary, Olde Columbine and Timberline PK-8. Seven schools are on Improvement – Mountain View Elementary, Thunder Valley K-8, Trail Ridge Middle, Coal Ridge Middle, Columbine Elementary, Indian Peaks Elementary and Longmont Estates Elementary. Thirteen schools are “Accredited with Distinction”.

Janis moved to accredit the same schools as last year.

October School Visit – dates and locations to be determined

The committee decided to visit the same schools as last year. They will split into two groups – one group will visit Northridge and Longmont Estates, and the other will visit Columbine and Timberline.

Visits will take place on Oct. 23 in the morning, from 8:30 – 11:30.

Linda will coordinate these visits and create the summary sheets for each of these schools, showing their major improvement strategies.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03.