

Jeffco Schools District Accountability Committee October 20, 2015 News Brief

Present:

Rob Anna, Don Cameron, Rhondine Choco, Alisa Cole, Brian Conroy, Tanya Coulter, Tom Coyne, Terry Elliott, David Epp, Dan Green, Deb Guiducci, Sean Kaiser, Jennifer Kirskey, Beth Knudsen, Melissa Martini, Annette McMahon, Carol Meitzer, Joel Newton, Julie Oxenford-O'Brian, Lisa Papke, JoAnn Rasmussen, Molly Snyder, Martissa Spencer, Wendi Strom, Mark Stutz, Rachel Swalley, Mary Tribby, Cindy Walker, Jeff Wilhite, Katie Winner

Absent:

Vinny Badolato, Paul Church, Suzanne Covington, Bill Easter (withdrawn), Sue Irvin, Sara Miller (excused), Robin Prehn, Jessica Quintana (excused), Lisa Stavig (excused),

Presenting Guests: Bill Bottoms, Tim Matlick, Steve Otto

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions – Terry Elliott, Committee Members
- Overview of District Accountability and Responsibilities – Terry Elliott
- Doral Academy Charter Application – Tim Matlick, Bill Bottoms, Steve Otto
- Bylaws – postponed
- Selection of Chairperson – postponed
- November Agenda Planning – set with postponed items

Decisions:

1. Tim Matlick will send an email to DAC members Wednesday morning with links to charter application materials. DAC members will have the option of emailing comments on the Doral Academy charter application until Monday. Comments will be compiled as submitted, sent out again on email to DAC members for any final comments to be received by end of day Tuesday. Final DAC comments will be provided to the Board of Education with the Charter Application Review Committee report.
2. Replacement of the vacancy on the DAC will be filled by the DAC following establishment of DAC bylaws.
3. Selection of a chairperson was postponed by a majority hand count of members and will be the first item of business at the November meeting. DAC members interested in the position may submit the application form and letter of interest (emailed to DAC members with the October agenda).
4. November's agenda will include: selection of chairperson, development of bylaws and establishment of subcommittees, at a minimum.

Action Items:

- Tim Matlick will send out Doral Academy charter review committee's comments on the application
- DAC members to send in comments or concerns about Doral Academy charter application to Tim Matlick by Monday, 10-26-15
- Terry Elliot will send out example of bylaws this week

Notes:

- Info **Welcome and Introductions-** Members introduced themselves and their school/community affiliation and any aspirations or 'big' questions they had about the work of the DAC.
- Info **Overview of District Accountability and Responsibilities-** Terry Elliott shared information ([presentation here](#)) on the advisory role and history of the DAC, major responsibilities, the [draft work calendar](#) and subcommittees to meet [DAC advisory responsibilities](#).
Comments/Questions/Concerns for DAC
How do concerns from school SAC's get to the distract DAC
How do we hear from SACs-Do articulation areas have a voice?
A list is being compiled now for all SAC chairs –Names and emails (request made for times, individuals may need to request this directly from the SAC Chair)
We need to build a back ground on data sources
How would DAC interact with measures on teacher evaluations?
We need best practices for SBB?
Find a way to track current UIP's to see if recommendations are being implemented
Sub-committees- How do we tackle each one?
What data are we going to use to principal and teacher evaluations?
DAC mission statement or common declaration we can all agree to
By laws- SPAC was in the process of writing by laws

Action **Doral Academy Charter Application-** Tim Matlick outlined the review process for charter school applicants and the work of the Charter Application Review Committee (CARC) in advising the Board of Education. Due to the transition from SPAC to DAC, SPAC members Bill Bottoms and Steve Otto participated on the CARC and reported on the committee's work and responded to DAC questions.

DAC comments on the Doral Academy application will be taken by Tim Matlick until Monday when he will compile those received, send a return email to DAC with the comments for any final remarks before providing DAC recommendations to the Board of Education.

Concerns/Comments about DORAL

Are they a STEAM or Core Knowledge? Unclear in application on how they will infuse the arts into curriculum

We lost over 100 students to DPS School of the Arts

The area they are looking to be located seems to be saturated with Core Knowledge schools

Where will they be drawing their students?

Who will own the building?

Budget concerns

Asking for additional waivers beyond state statute

One quarter of their monies could be going out of state

Questions concerning Academica

Is there overlap of behind the scenes management of support?

Core program unclear

Action **November Agenda Planning-** The DAC determined to postpone the selection of a chairperson and the discussion of bylaws and subcommittees to the November meeting agenda.