

District Accountability Committee (DAC) Regular meeting, January 17, 2017

1. Call to order 5:30 pm

Members in attendance- Georgeann Amack, Bob Amick, Jason Browning, Kathy de Vergie, Mindy Finley, Jim Hanks, Stacy Hudelson, Kathleen Kelley, Chris Selle, Todd Shults, and Michelle Weston.

2. Approval of minutes from December 13, 2016 – Motion to approve minutes made by Todd Shults and seconded by Jim Hanks. Motion passed.

3. Statutory Guidelines of District Accountability committees (C.R.S. 22-11-301 to 307) – will continue to be listed on all DAC agendas.

4. Strategic Plan/Vision – Barone Middle School update from Mr. Hanks

a. Two areas in the “Meeker Excellence” Strategic Vision are highlighted by BMS staff.

i. Keeping student learning as primary focus

- 1. Increase student learning by empowering student curiosity.**
- 2. Staff prioritizes what they teach and expect students to know.**
- 3. Connect to students’ present and future lives by incorporating items from the Colorado Career Cluster Model.**

ii. Establishing a safe learning environment for students

- 1. BMS value statement: “At Barone Middle School, we believe in respect and responsibility for all, from all.**
 - a. Posters with specific elements that support the value statement are posted around the school**

5. Financial Overview –

a. Final FY17 budget – Student count is the biggest determining factor in the budget, but difficult to determine accurately since the official count is unknown until October 1.

- i. The 2016-17 budget had a \$185,000 increase in funds due to increased student count.**
- ii. Grants received also count in revenue, but most are spent within the same year, so the expenditures balance the extra revenue.**
- iii. A deficit of \$883,839.14 is projected for the end of this fiscal year.**
 - 1. Because of increased revenue and under spending, the district’s reserve fund balance will not grow, but will not be decreased by the full projected amount.**
- iv. The district is still financially strong.**

b. Financial outlook and priorities for FY18

- i. State funding will increase, but not at pace with inflation and spending for the needs of the increased number of students.**
- ii. Negative factor will also increase**
- iii. A strong Colorado economy causes Tabor and Gallagher Amendments to dictate refunds to tax payers etc.**
- iv. Top Five district priorities**
 - 1. Add a sixth grade teacher due to large size of incoming class**
 - 2. Increase the social/emotional support system with a school counselor to be shared between BMS and MES.**
 - a. Position has been advertised, so person may start this year.**
 - 3. Salary step**
 - 4. COLA for staff –**
 - a. starting salaries are still low comparatively**
 - b. increase pay for classified staff**
 - 5. Provide employee health insurance**

6. Graduate Survey –

a. Main questions about the survey

- i. What will we do with the responses?**

- ii. What information will be most helpful?
 - b. Three to five question maximum with scaled response and place for comments
 - i. Mr. Selle will draft questions for review at February meeting
7. **Other Discussion Items** - none
8. **Adjournment** – 6:25 pm. Next meeting 2/21/17 at 5:30pm.