



School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

4:00 pm October 26th, 2023

Attendees: Angela Clayton, Billy Anderson, Heather Anderson, Renee Osterdock, Jeromy Johnson

4:00 Members reviewed the minutes from the September meeting as presented. Heather motioned to approve, Angela seconded, and the minutes were approved, with Billy and Renee abstaining from the vote as they were not in attendance.

4:05 The DCS Montessori annual Parent Satisfaction Survey from the 2022-23 school year was reviewed by the committee in planning for the 2023-24 survey.

In specifically examining the Student Specific Portion (SSP) of the survey, SAC members discussed the following potential changes:

- Types of communications preferences from parents
- Questions initiated in COVID that could see answers changed or intent questioned
- Removal of questions 16 and 17 due to changes in educational delivery
- Follow up questions to Challenge questions regarding teacher contact

4:55 The meeting closed with discussion of the Family section of the Parent Satisfaction Survey to be reviewed before finalization of this year's survey at the next meeting and members reviewed the schedule for the November meeting.

5:00 The meeting adjourned.



School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

4:00 pm September 28th, 2023

Attendees: Angela Clayton, Beatrix Haugen, Heather Anderson, Jeromy Johnson

4:00 Members reviewed the minutes from the August meeting as presented. Heather motioned to approve, Jeromy seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

4:15 The DCS Montessori School Performance Framework (SPF) was reviewed by SAC members. Notable improvements were reviewed: Elem ELA scores improved from 57%ile to 76%ile. Elem ELA Growth (SAC Goal) improved from 21%ile to the 44%ile. Elem Math (SAC Goal) scores improved from the 44%ile to the 56%ile. Middle School ELA scores improved from 82%ile to the 89%ile. Middle School Math (SAC Goal) scores improved from the 65%il to the 79%ile.

4:30 SAC members discussed whether current goals might be exited due to the current improvements. Elem academic growth still has opportunity for continued growth, but Math is showing solid gains. New goals discussed included examining growth of minority students, and determining teacher opinions on minority students' academic achievement and growth.

4:45 SAC members listened to the administration report on the current funding situation which is a deficit due to replacing the main roof. The MLO and Bond was discussed, and Board's consistent support for staff pay. Members also discussed retention of staff data that might be helpful.

5:00 The meeting adjourned discussing the plan for Oct. meeting, scheduling last Thursday of each month.



School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

4:00 pm August 31st, 2023

Attendees: Angela Clayton , Jeromy Johnson , and Heather Anderson

4:00 Review Minutes from last meeting, and approve for posting.

- Heather Anderson and Jeromy Johnson reviewed May meeting minutes. Heather made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeromy seconded, the motion. Angela Clayton, as a new member, abstained from the vote as she was not in attendance in May. The motion was approved by both of the continuing members present.

4:15 Review SAC definitions, and current work on UIP goals

- A School Accountability Committee (SAC) orientation ensued discussing the process of data collection from students, parents and academics in order to drive improvement goal planning. Current UIP goals were also discussed of improving Math achievement, ELA growth, and a reinvigoration of Montessori Philosophy. These goals were approved last year and so due to biannual flexibility won't be changed this school year.
- Lengthy question and answer discussions ensued.

4:55 Briefly discuss school funding priorities as part of SAC responsibilities.

5:00 Plan for late Sept. meeting, scheduling



School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

4:00pm May 16th, 2023

Attendees: Heather, Jeromy, Meghan, Ying (Absent: Andrea, Jessica, Renee)

4:05pm Minutes review and approval from prior meeting(s) — Heather motioned to approve the February and March Meeting minutes as presented, Jeromy seconded and they were unanimously approved.

4:06pm Student Survey review — Meghan presented an overview of the Student Survey Data and the general intent of the survey questions; discussed interpretations and changes to consider; committee reviewed feedback from Ms. Maria who disseminates the majority of the Student Survey; also discussed the questions on the UIP goal of reinvigorating the Montessori principles across the DCSM community (eg, choices in work, self-advocating, self-directing, using the materials for most work, confidence in work contract, teamwork or working as a community, etc); discussed making different versions of the survey based on grade levels (Primary, Lower EI, Upper EI, Middle School); discussed comparison data to prior years surveys and complications with interpretations of new data without prior context. New lunch program's effect on student hunger was discussed as a change to be monitored. Student safety, student teacher perception, and student belonging and friends were also notes of considerable discussion regarding the data, and consideration for future goal setting.

5:05pm Next meeting: TBD, Jeromy will contact SAC in August and determine changes in membership based on terms and interest. Election process will commence in August hoping to finalize membership by early September.



School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

4:00pm March 30th, 2023

Attendees: Heather, Jessica, Jeromy, Meghan, Renee, Ying (Absent: Andrea)

4:05pm Minutes review and approval from prior meeting — postponed approval of the February meeting minutes until May meeting

4:06pm Student Survey review and preparation — Jeromy gave a overview and historical overview of how the survey has been used and the general intent of the survey and some of the questions; the group reviewed the current version of the Student Survey; discussed changes to consider; committee discussed turning several questions into scenario questions rather than the current style of some of the questions; also discussed focusing the questions on the UIP goal of reinvigorating the Montessori principles across the DCSM community (eg, choices in work, self-advocating, self-directing, using the materials for most work, confidence in work contract, teamwork or working as a community, etc); discussed making different versions of the survey based on grade levels (Primary, Lower El, Upper El, Middle School); discussed changing some of the responses to emojis; discussed adding demographic question (boy, girl, I don't want to answer); discussed reorganizing the survey set-up so that questions are organized by theme and flow better; Meghan to share existing SEL-focused surveys currently available from other resources

** Discussed adding Primary into the survey (Primary was excluded in the past); Primary's survey could include four questions based on: getting help, relationships with peers & adults at school, work, environment; questions would be read to Primary students and students will fill-in the picture/emoji for their answer; pictures/emojis would be used for responses; using a neutral proctor to read the questions was discussed so Primary students don't feel pressured or nervous about being truthful; discussed adding a "draw a picture of how you feel at school"

Discussed using existing resources on surveying students rather than rewriting the questions on our own; some existing resources:

*Student Survey Perception Toolkit:

<https://www.coloradoedinitiative.org/Resources/student-perception-survey-toolkit/>

* Guidelines and Best Practices for Surveying Students:

<http://www.coloradoedinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/K2GuidancedocFINAL.pdf>

* Healthy Kids Colorado Survey <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/hkcs>

----- Parent Survey Comment Review — did not get to the Parent Survey comments for discussion/review

----- Finances update — no finance updates during this meeting

5:05pm Next meeting: TBD, Jeromy will send email with possible dates for next regular meeting and an extra (optional) working meeting to fine-tune and finalize changes to Student Survey questions; Adjournment



School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Minutes

4:00 pm February 2, 2023

Meeting attendees: Ying, Renee, Heather, Jeromy, Jessica, Meghan

Not present: Andrea

4:00pm Review Minutes from previous meeting and approve for posting — No changes made; motion to approve: Heather, 2nd: Renee, passed unanimously

4:05pm Review Parent Survey results discussed:

- Healthy Lifestyle question consider for removal
- Safety question responses discussed in detail
- Parent Education question supports movement to Video formatting
- Question on successfully implementing Montessori discussed in detail
 - assumption of engagement with Parent Ed. process
 - teacher and student participation in implementation process
 - should we look at staff feedback on successful implementation?

- 85% of responses support Montessori Philosophy as driving decision for enrollment

4:40 pm Follow-up Parent Survey data questions discussed and requested

- Correlation between confidence in Montessori vs. implementation success.
- % level respondent data
- looking for trends or consistencies in comments or comments towards goals
- Consider Student survey questions to evaluate this from a student perspective

5:00pm Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: March 30, 2023 @ 4:00pm



School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

4:00 pm November 30th, 2023

Attendees: Angela Clayton, Heather Anderson, Jeromy Johnson

4:00 Members reviewed the minutes from the October meeting as presented. Heather motioned to approve, Jeromy seconded, and the minutes were approved.

4:05 The DCS Montessori annual Parent Satisfaction Survey from the 2022-23 school year was reviewed by the committee in planning for the 2023-24 survey.

- Planning for send out on Jan. 9th, reminders on 11th, 16th and 18th. Text reminders twice as well.
- Changed online parent education question (#11) on last year's survey from only non-participants to all recipients on this year's survey.

4:55 Finance update, safety installations, spring capital improvements including potential solar, and added Mental Health staffing.

5:00 The meeting adjourned.