

SAC Minutes

9/6/18

Present: Cari Cusinato, Michele Scheibe, Catherine MacInnes, Kathleen Williams, Tiffany Martin, Christian Phelps, Deidra Christensen, Nola Dekeyrel, Kris Defnet, Suzie McKenna, Kathleen Williams, Julia Green, Rex Corr, Debbie Gentry

Guests: Anthony Graziano, Lauren Pickett, Kelly Reyna, Gary Colley

Call to order 6:32.

The minutes from March 29, 2018 were approved and seconded.

[Bond/Mill Levy Information](#)

Anthony Graziano and Tiffany Martin gave a presentation on our upcoming bond and mill levy. Tiffany is a CV parent of a student who graduated two years ago and one that is currently a 10th grader. Anthony is one of our DCSD school board members and also a parent of a student that graduated two years ago and one in 10th grade.

The DCSD School Board passed a resolution to put a bond and mill levy on the November ballot. Douglas County School District is one of the largest employers. 5000 employees will be directly affected by this election and all will benefit. If our teachers are able to live in the community, that money goes back into our communities. Bond initiatives will target repairs and that will benefit DC firms who win the bids to do the work. We want to reinvest in the community. 90.4% of our students graduate but we want to do better in DCSD. We are losing great teachers to surrounding areas where they can make \$13 - \$17,000 more per year. The threat of losing our best teachers is real.

- We have aging buildings, update our security systems and IT equipment. Jefferson County has asked voters for much more money. CCSD receives \$1635 more per pupil than DCSD. We've gone down because the surrounding districts have asked for more money in recent years.
- Why pass a bond? We have repairs in many of the schools built before 2016. CVHS would benefit with the F Pod.
- Why not ask for more? Dr. Tucker wanted to be reasonable with our community. This will address teacher pay gaps, counseling/mental health and special programs. The bond would help get the district started on the major repairs.
- Taxpayer impact would be \$3.69 per \$100,000 in home value, \$14.72 per month for a house with a \$410,000 property value. Mill levy would not add more because there is currently a mill levy that will expire and that would be renewed.
- Improve student success. Attract and retain the best teachers and staff; enhance achievement; set a high academic standard; provide choices like STEM, vocational, technical and arts.
- Modernize some facilities; promote secure and engaging learning environments; advance its infrastructure for safe transportation.

Tiffany is our feeder representative and if you want to help, please contact her. They will use a call blitz on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Charter school will be included in facility upgrades tier 1 needs and security. They will also receive 100% of the per pupil money.

[How bond/mill levy benefits CVHS](#)

The impact of the mill levy dollars will improve teacher and staff pay and additional counselors. Right now the formula for staffing is 350 students for each counselor. We also have a full time person for RTI and 504. We take some away from our

SBB to make sure we have that staffing. Bond dollars would be used to build the F pod for overcrowding. All the other high schools have the additional F pod and have less students.

Douglas County School District School Accountability Committees'
Resolution on a Ballot Initiative for November 2018 Election
September 2018

We are parent and community members of the School Accountability Committees (SACs) listed below, elected by our schools to represent our school communities. This statement represents our collective position regarding the bond and mill levy override the Douglas County Board of Education has placed on the ballot this fall.

In response to the current funding challenges facing the Douglas County School District, we support the \$250M bond and \$40M mill levy override measures on the November 2018 ballot.

As SACs, whose responsibility it is to review our schools' annual budgets, we understand that the urgency of funding is critical. There are capital needs that, if not met immediately, could threaten the physical safety or interrupt the education of children in our community. DCSD currently has no dedicated funding to rectify this crisis, and has been unable to address the increasing capital needs within the past ten years. Furthermore, the school district wages are well below those of our neighboring districts, resulting in a continual loss of personnel to other districts. This is not good for our students, and the constant turnover and teacher shortages puts undue burden on our entire system. We have also seen educational programming cut and class size increase.

Collectively, we believe it is time for Douglas County to unite in support of our students and community by voting YES to both 5A & B this November.

Signed,

The School Accountability Committees of: Dr. Rex Corr

Motion made the motion to accept the resolution, seconded and all approved. Verbal approved individually. We as an SAC are in support.

New members: We are a 12 member SAC with non-employee status. Michelle Schibe would like to represent BHS. Motion was made to accept Michelle, seconded and all approved. LGC will be represented by Kris Defnet, formal motion was made to accept Kris, seconded and approved. We have parent representatives for all our academies. We are still in need of a community member. Christian is on the DAC board as well as our SAC chair. She asked the committee for their approval to stay in both positions. All approved.

Rex went through our School Performance with standardized testing. It shows us where we are successful and where we have an opportunity for growth. We want to be in the green. Two years ago, 2016, we were on an improvement plan with the data we were using, participation rates for CMAS and PARCC were at 29%, if you are less than 90% you are reduced due to low participation. Total score was 70.7/100. Last year we were at 67.9/100 because our participation rate had come up and accountability went up. We had excusals for all our students due to Katie and her staff tracking students down and calling parents. This year we had 75.8/100 participation rate for PSAT and SAT. With these tests our community recognizes the value to the student and our participation rate is at 90%. This is excluding the science and social studies CMAS tests. This year we are approaching academic achievement.

Our ESL staff talk about the test and they see where they are low. But when you look at the test created for English learners, our students score higher. We feel we are moving in the right direction

[Prelim 2018 School Performance Framework](#)

We are on a two year cycle for our Unified Improvement Plan and this will be our year to submit. Submission is due in April and the UIP is on our agenda for February. CMAS science is only for juniors. Parents don't see value in the data for the junior year. ACT has a science section but SAT does not. We think that's why the state keeps the CMAS. This community likes to look at the value for students. We're waiting from the state to hear if they will be adding social studies.

Katie Winsor talked about the districts novel approval. The book "Chronicle of a death foretold by Gabriel Garcia Marquez" is being forwarded to the board for approval. The district has a list of approved novels. You can use an unapproved book but must give options and have to notify parents. When you are getting approval, two teachers review it, two parents, a district person and then it goes to the school board in October for approval. They look at whether it is grade level appropriate. The book will be on display in the library.

Christian mentioned the DAC website and everything that's needed for the SAC. DCSD parent information on September 12 Parent University. Katherine said the universities are very good and gives great information.

[Parent Family Engagement Policy](#)

There will be no DAC fall forum this year.

There will be a new structure for DAC meetings this year. The meetings will go with the topics first and then business. They want to get more parent engagement. The September agenda will be performance evaluations and board committee ideas.

ABC: Nola will be working to get an ABC link on our website. ABC's coffee fundraiser is going very well. Additional fundraisers: Pop sockets for phones; color run. The color run is part of Stomp, which is the start to homecoming. It's at at 2:00 on Saturday 9/15. That money is used to support the CV Link Crew. The rest of the money goes towards a scholarship for each academy.

Katherine mentioned CV band is holding a mattress fundraiser this weekend in the school gym.

Julia has shifted to our RTI and 504 coordinator. We have 130 students on 504's and 72 on RTI plans. RTI is for academic, social emotional and behavioral issues. 504's are students with a medical need.

Board of Education end statements have a plan crafted but was put on hold until November.

Rex reported that our enrollment is at 2212. The district projected us to have 2289 but we countered with 2250. Our numbers continue to fall. We will have to pay back that money to the district and Rex has held money aside. October count is at the end of September. The percentage isn't huge but the dollar amount is high. Rex took all the 9th grade on open enrollment and some sophomores. We've grown by 100 students every year. Tiffany saw a video on projected growth and Castle Rock was in high level.

Bylaws copies were available by no changes have been made since 2/17. DAC is making changes on district bylaws and once that is completed, they will look at the SAC. Adopted, approved and signed by Christian.

The CV website will be updated with changes.

The question was asked about club information on the website and are parents missing meetings. Nola said there are so many activities. Sponsors are listed on the website and lists the meeting times.

Michelle complimented the advisement changes this year. Seems to be more family oriented. Rex said teachers have spent time on restructuring our advisement. We've had a lot of conversation with successful advisement teachers that have shared what they do. Ben Wolfe is great with his communication. Deans have put together some new policies.

Adjourned at 8:22.