

**American Academy
School Accountability Committee Meeting
2016/2017**

Date: Monday, October 3, 2016

Time: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Castle Pines

Attendees: Michelle Slovensky, Amanda Lane-Cline, Angela Fleming, Melissa Jones, Jonathan Fung, Karen Liotta, Kristen Krieger, Kristin Caid, Melissa Sitzmann, Karen Liotta, Brandon Linn

AGENDA:

1. Approve September Meeting Minutes
 - a. motioned and seconded
 - b. voted to pass unanimously
2. Administration Report
 - a. Third Campus
 - i. City of Parker requested a change in placement
 1. Did not want a parking lot in front of building
 2. Will cost extra money
 - ii. At present, task management is saying that everything but 3rd floor will be done August 7th
 1. Would prefer not to open late in the school year
 2. Ideally start date will be on same calendar as the other campuses
 3. Hold training for new campus teachers in that building
 - iii. Looking at staffing needs
 1. Hoping to take a Team Lead from other campuses
 - a. K-6 (2 classes of 5th and 2 of 6th)
 - b. Keep continuity and strength of each team
 - c. Trying to keep movement minimal
 2. Staffing
 - a. Ideal part-time people are sometimes hard to find (will need several part-time people to alleviate third campus needs)
 - b. First person was hired today for IT
 - c. 2 new hires in January
 - d. start advertising teaching positions in January
 - e. Have started New Hire meetings
 - b. MAPS Testing Results
 - i. Reading Growth by Grade Level- charts shown by ability group with fall score versus spring score compared to fall and spring norm
 1. 7 data points used by teachers to decide placement

- a. Discussions about how classes are given Accelerated, Advanced-Standard, Standard, Supported and Intervention
 - i. Amanda is working to iron out consistent standards to uphold across campuses
 - 2. Data highlighted in green showed 75% of students met target growth within that ability group
 - 3. Data highlighted in red that showed that 80% of students starting at a similar RIT achieved their target growth
 - 4. Longitudinal Data shows a drop from students spring to fall scores
 - a. Discussion about whether or not there is something the school can do to keep kids brushed up on skills
 - i. Better to give them the summer to just be kids
 - 5. Discussion about middle school math
 - a. High schools have asked not to accelerate too quickly because students start to “fall apart” with higher level classes
 - ii. PARCC- what the state considers when looking at student success
 - 1. Have growth scores, but not achievement scores
 - 2. Growth shows students scored Spring 2015 to what they scored Spring 2016
 - 3. Concerns about why gifted and talented students are not scoring as high as non-gifted and talented students in ELA or math
 - 4. How do we keep families from opting out and express the importance of test to their child’s education?
3. Teacher Report
 - a. Conferences are around the corner
 - b. PD Day
 - i. Leader In Me- connected to AA Character program
 - 1. Beginning to get 2nd graders involved in Proactivity with conferences
4. District Accountability Committee Report (DAC):
 - a. Should we choose one person or rotate
 - i. Jonathan will attend the next meeting
5. PTO Reports: Castle Pines/Parker Reps
 - a. Castle Pines
 - i. Voting in new secretary
 - ii. Fun Run
 - 1. went well- donations are ½ way to goal
 - 2. possibly \$10,000 from middle school Dance-a-Thon
 - 3. going to send out a detailed survey
 - a. possibilities discussed around the table
 - i. prize levels too far apart
 - ii. late communication
 - iii. Funds left from last year to cushion
 - 1. Expecting less but not THIS much less

- iv. Looking to make improvements for next year
- b. Parker- no representative
- 6. Safety Concerns/Community Concerns
 - a. Long Range Planning Committee
 - i. Put together Master Capital plan
 - 1. Would like to get out to discuss maintenance and new construction for the District
 - a. Community Forums
 - b. Going to meetings for local groups
 - ii. Over the next 24 months

KEY AGENDA:

- 1. Welcome New SAC Members - Jonathan Fung and Kristin Caid
- 2. Questions on SAC Bylaws
 - a. Copies were placed on table to review
 - b. Bylaws have been in place since 2013
- 3. Volunteers to attend monthly DAC meetings
- 4. Update on 3rd Campus Construction
- 5. Review Map test results

Next DAC Meeting: October 11, 2016 @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm

The District Accountability Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public located at 620 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104

Next SAC Meeting: November 7, 2016 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm @ Parker Campus