

District Advisory Committee

Report to the Board of Education
Tuesday, April 20, 2010



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Agenda

- ❖ **Recap DAC 2009-10 work to-date**
- ❖ **School Advisory Council Compliance**
- ❖ **Educational Priorities: SIP Review (Process, Data Evaluation and Recommendations)**
- ❖ **Going Forward: Remaining 2009-10 and 2010-11**

DAC Work 2009-10 To-Date

- ❖ **Reviewed/examined transportation issues**
- ❖ **Studied School Financing Act**
- ❖ **Reviewed STEM Charter Application**
- ❖ **Introduced Project Peak**
- ❖ **Facilitated Budget Recommendations from SAC surveys and feedback**

SAC Compliance:

What Have We Done?

❖ **Fall /Winter 2009**

- ✓ **Rolled out SAC eTraining**
 - SAC Members viewed by November 1
 - Thanks to Heidi Tackett (Sagewood SAC) for producing
- ✓ **Created timeline and guidelines for completing SAC Compliance and SIP Goal alignment worksheet**
- ✓ **Revised Membership/Criteria Assessment forms**
 - Aligned with state statutes
- ✓ **Initial Report to BOE February 2010**

SAC Compliance:

What Have We Done?

❖ **Spring 2010: Final Compliance Review**

- ✓ **Membership: 100% Compliant (97% 2008-09)**
- ✓ **Criteria Assessment: 100% Complete (87% 2008-09)**



SAC Continued Development: Recommendations 2010 - 2011

❖ SAC

- ✓ Add eTraining to Criteria Assessment
- ✓ Meeting times should accommodate more parents
- ✓ More best practices sharing via Forums/Feeders

❖ DAC Liaisons

- ✓ Create job description
- ✓ Add section to eTraining
- ✓ Feeder level DAC Liaison meeting by October 31st

Educational Priorities:

School Improvement Planning

DAC Duties and Responsibilities

Review and Make Recommendations

- ❖ **Improvement of Educational Programming**
- ❖ **Alignment to End Statement**
- ❖ **Prioritization of Resources**

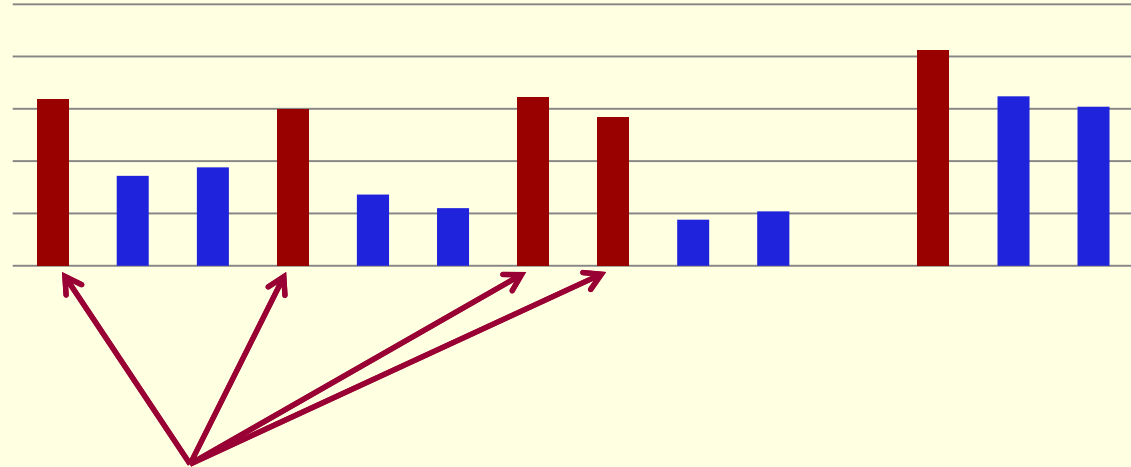
Article III, DAC Bylaws:

- A. Review and make recommendations to the Board of Education concerning high but achievable goals and objectives for the improvement of education in each school (i.e. School Improvement Plans) *Reference: C.R.S. 2207-205(1)***



DAC School Improvement Process Review

# SIP Goals Meeting Subend or Student Learning Goal	Subend 1.1	Subend 1.2	Subend 1.3	Subend 1.4	Subend 1.5	Subend 1.6	Subend 1.7	Subend 1.8	Subend 1.9	Subend 1.10		Learning Goal #1	Learning Goal #2	Learning Goal #3
District Totals	159	86	94	150	68	55	161	142	44	52		206	162	152



Note: Predominant focus on subends 1.1 (Critical Thinking), 1.4 (Applied Learning), 1.7 (Essential Skills), and 1.8 (Core Body of Knowledge). These are same priorities as for 2008-09.

Educational Priorities: School Improvement Planning

What Did We Find?

- ❖ **All District goals were addressed**
- ❖ **Emphasis on Learning Goal One
(and Subends 1.1, 1.4, 1.7, 1.8)**
- ❖ **Improvement over last year**
 - ✓ **Reduction/Focus in # of goals (schools averaged 3)**
 - ✓ **Subends/LGs more accurately reflected**
- ❖ **Most common goals among schools were
improvements in reading, writing, math**

Educational Priorities: School Improvement Planning, Recommendations 2010 - 2011

- ❖ **Continued engagement of SAC in SIP development**
- ❖ **A second review of SIP in April by SAC**
 - ✓ What changed from Fall?
 - ✓ Begin planning for next year
- ❖ **Evaluation of SIPs effect on desired outcome**
- ❖ **Consider goals that align to subends other than 1.1, 1.4, 1.7 and 1.8**

Plans for 2010 – 2011: Going Forward

- ❖ **More direct contact with DAC Liaisons**
- ❖ **SAC/Community Communications Improvement**
 - ✓ Better two-way communications utilizing various channels.
 - ✓ More consistent SAC info on school websites
- ❖ **Linking SIP Data with Desired Outcomes**
 - ✓ Investigate changes mandated by SB163
 - ✓ Recommend “best practice” goals
- ❖ **Recommend bylaw revisions to comply with SB90**

Questions?

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