

**D'Evelyn Accountability Committee Meeting**  
**September 13, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Opened meeting at 5:30 PM

**Approval of May 2016 Minutes**

- Passed by unanimous vote

**Student Council Update – Hailee Lansville and Zachary Aparicio**

- Over the summer student council members went to a conference with other schools – they learned about Wish Week. For Wish Week, which was held during Homecoming week, D'Evelyn raised money for Dan, a heart transplant candidate, in order to send him to Disney World.
- Student council will be doing some volunteer work around Thanksgiving
- Homecoming week was a great success.
- Homecoming dance had a record breaking number of attendees.
- Upcoming events include volunteer work, fundraising, and outreach programs.

**Overview of Role of A/C – A/C Officers**

- A/C is planning to have speakers at each meeting. Topics/speakers may include:
  - October – school counselors
  - November – Officer Everhart on internet safety and social media. This will be on a date separate from the Accountability Committee meeting.
  - December – there is no A/C meeting this month
  - January – bullying
  - February – social worker to discuss issues specific to girls (self-esteem, anxiety, parental relationships)
  - March – financial skills
  - April – study skills (will likely be earlier in the school year)
  - May – D'Evelyn Founders
- The schedule for these speakers/topics may vary depending on the availability and schedule of the desired speaker

**D'Evelyn Dash Update – Tony Edwards**

- There were 404 registered runners
- Overall, there were 20 cross country teams participating in the meet prior to the Dash (1,000+ runners)
- \$6500 was raised that will be donated to the DEF
- The amount raised was down slightly, but this was due in part to additional one time expenses

**Health and Wellness Update – Ana Gardner**

- Emily O'Winter, the Health and Wellness director for Jeffco Public Schools, spoke with members of the Health and Wellness committee today.
- D'Evelyn has applied for funds from the school district to be used to promote health and wellness issues at D'Evelyn. Ideas include posters regarding healthy choices, informing staff about wellness issues, promoting hydration issues
- The school has invested to get 4 new drinking fountains that will be refrigerated and have the water bottle filler tap
- There will be a presentation to 7<sup>th</sup> graders later in the school year
- The committee will attend a conference in October with other schools to share ideas of how to promote health and wellness
- The Sources of Strength program (which will be discussed at the October A/C meeting) is addressing some topics related to risky behavior and healthy choices

#### **Principal Report – Tony Edwards**

- New staff will be introduced at the October A/C meeting
- College night was very well attended and was a great success
- New staff members include:
  - Kristi Monsour – counselor
  - Suzanne Roberts - Social and emotional specialist
  - Steven Carson – social studies
  - Lucas Finney – social studies
  - Becky Paschke – instrumental music
  - Darren Ray – science
  - Emily Lindsey – math – has returned after a one year absence
  - Jessica Proett - Spanish
- D'Evelyn has 6 National Merit scholars semi-finalists
- Last year D'Evelyn had an average PSAT score of 1206, which is the highest average in Colorado. The state average is 945.
- Last year D'Evelyn had an average ACT score of 27.5 which was the highest in Colorado for any non-charter school, and also the highest for D'Evelyn in the last 16 years
- Anti-bullying sub-committee was formed last year after reviewing the results of the middle school surveys last year. This sub-committee has created more detailed survey questions to determine where bullying is occurring. 7<sup>th</sup> graders are now in a pod system where approximately 20 students are assigned to one teacher near their lockers. Middle school students will no longer rotate lockers while in middle school so they will remain close to that assigned teacher. A curriculum has been developed and presented to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to address how to respond to bullying.
- On-line bullying seems to be one of the most prevalent methods of bullying at D'Evelyn. Data shows it is mostly at the middle school level and is peer to peer bullying based on grade level (as opposed to older students bullying younger students)
- DEF is covering the cost of the additional drinking fountains with dispensers to fill water bottles.
- A new projector was purchased for the auditorium

- The school is looking for volunteers for various events, to brainstorm ideas, etc... Volunteers are needed at the prospective parent nights.
- Mr. Edwards and Mr. Griffin are co-teaching an Introduction to Humanities (Arts and Ideas) class this semester.
- Newsweek recently released their school rankings. D'Evelyn was ranked #1 in Colorado and #46 in the nation out of approximately 30,000 high schools
- Fall theater production is *The Skin of Our Teeth*.

#### **Steering Committee Report (S/C) – Pierre Habel**

- S/C role involves updating and assuring school policies protect the curriculum, textbook selection, hiring committee, and curricular review and Principal evaluation.
- Member of S/C include 5 elected parent members, 2 elected staff members and the Principal
- Upcoming issues include: changing by-laws to simplify the election process (election by acclimation, electronic voting), improving credit recovery options (i.e. on-line courses), options to post-secondary classes and how those classes are approved and offered, and the Principal evaluation process
- Textbook reviews this year may include Eastern Civilization, Government, Pre-Algebra and Latin.
- Ms. Johnson will be retiring at the end of this year so a new middle school science teacher will be hired for the 2017-18 school year.
- There is currently one vacancy for a parent member. S/C can appoint to fill this position from any qualified parties that are interested. Please contact a S/C member if you are interested and/or attend the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Prospective parents nights will be held on: September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm (held at Dennison), November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm and January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please consider volunteering to assist at these events. If interested please email Mr. Habel, phabel@jeffco.k12.co.us, or Mr. Edwards.
- Next meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

#### **One Book, One D'Evelyn Update – Tony Edwards**

- Last spring the chosen book was *Frankenstein* and over the summer the chosen book was *Treasure Island*.
- The fall book will be *To Kill a Mockingbird*.
- Book clubs will be held later in the semester. Specific dates will be sent out at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

**Attendees:** Tony Edwards, Dana Miller, Carrie Kollar, Valerie Jahr, Wendy Campbell, Josh Griffin, Pierre Habel, Heidi Leoni, Eric Oppelt, Erin O'Neill, Kris Stirewalt, Ralph Spencer, Toni Olson, Scott Spendlove, Ana Gardner, Lisa Rukstales

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 7:00-8:00 am (E100)**