

D'Evelyn Accountability Committee Meeting
October 9, 2018
MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Opened meeting at 5:30 pm

Approval of September 2018 Minutes

- Approved

Introduction of New Teachers

- Ms. Megan Bender - Spanish
- Mr. Chris Boswell - Social Studies
- Ms. Donna Li - French
- Mr. Dan Wille - Administration / Social Studies
- Ms. Sheryl Beaton - Science
- Mr. Tim Schmeckpeper - Administration
- Mr. Rush Daly - Social Studies

Student Council Update - Brady Sullivan

- Homecoming was a great success. All activities showed great participation.
- Looking to hold a Veteran's Day event and a Winter event (prior to finals)
- Main fundraiser is Wish Week through Make a Wish Foundation. This will occur at the beginning of next semester.

Presentation on 5A/5B, Amendment 76 - Pierre Habel

Presentation can be viewed at:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1FLpBzC31ZZnyA7YTQLMa01MjXKSjrNRC>

- Vast majority of funding comes from state or local taxes.
- Mill levy increases pay for enhancements to operations
- Bonds allow a district to buy, maintain and upgrade real property
- Constitutional amendments have impacted school funding. Amendment 64 (marijuana sales) has not fixed the school funding issue
- Tabor Amendment - limits revenues and requires voter approval for tax increases
- Gallagher Amendment- decreased amount of revenue that can come from local taxes on residential property; in combination with TABOR
- Since 1983 our per pupil state funding has decreased (when compared to other states)
- Since 2009 state and local funding combined has fallen relative to the rate of inflation
- Amendment 23 - guaranteed a minimum level of funding for education. However, it did not undo the earlier amendments or include sufficient funding mechanisms, so the issue was kicked back into the legislature. The legislature

has been unable to fund education at a pace that meets inflation, as Amendment 23 intended.

- Upcoming ballot issues:
 - Jeffco Question 5A - Mill Levy increase to support operations. \$33M mill levy override. \$2.10/month increase per \$100K in residential value.
 - Jeffco Question 5B - \$567 bond to address capital construction.
 - Amendment 73 - state-wide. Dedicates a 3rd stream of tax revenue to schools and is estimated to bring an additional \$1609 per pupil annually to Jeffco schools. It needs 55% of the voters statewide to pass.
- There is a letter signed by 42 D'Evelyn staff members asking Accountability members to commit to investigating these issues further in order to make an educated vote. Asks for a motion to distribute the information and letter.
- Motion is made to use our email distribution list and the Jaguar Tracks to provide the presentation and the letter from D'Evelyn staff. Motion is seconded. Motion is approved.
- A copy of the letter signed by staff can be located at:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Ux9BQ8PVP6LVtH7ZvDIWnFTFJMqG94-f>

Principal's Report - Josh Griffin

- Communication: Familiarize yourself with the D'Evelyn website, School Messenger, Jaguar Tracks online newsletter, Parent Portal, Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Enrollment:
 - 1st Information Night - September 27th
 - Two upcoming Information Nights (both at 7 pm): Dennison Elementary on November 1st and D'Evelyn on November 8th.
 - Jeffco schools is transitioning to a new district-wide enrollment platform: Enroll Jeffco
 - Families with students interested in enrolling at D'Evelyn next year for 7th, 8th or 9th grade need to:
 - Attend an information night
 - Submit student name(s) in the Enroll Jeffco system once it's live (January 2019)
- 6th Grade Transition: Survey has been distributed to parents, faculty/staff in both Dennison and D'Evelyn communities. Task force will reconvene in the coming weeks to consider feedback, input and questions.
- School Events:
 - Performing Arts: Outstanding Fall Play last weekend. Week of 10/22 is the vocal and instrumental music concerts at 7 pm
 - Fall Sports are entering the final 1/2 of the season or postseason. Visit the D'Evelyn sports calendar on our website for more information on competitions you can support.
 - PSAT / NMSQT - Wednesday 10/10 for all juniors
 - Hosting 3A regional XC meet - 10/18
 - Rachel's Challenge - 10/24
 - DEF Dinner Auction - 11/9 at Baldoria on the Water

Steering Committee (SC) Report - Donna Li

Presentation can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dbB2F4nwaH0sxDydFqfWSMN0t9vk_cV01y82GYs6MLc/edit?usp=sharing

- Presentation on Founding Documents - this is needed/helpful for anyone wanting to serve on any SC committees.
- Steering Committee is the governing board of D'Evelyn.
 - A/C serves in an advisory role to the Steering Committee
 - Vision of A/C: Educate community, encourage more parents to participate, provide a forum for gathering and sharing data, communicate values, goals, policy and regulation of school committees (hiring, textbook selection and curriculum review)
- November 13th @ 6:30 pm - Steering Committee candidate training (this follows the A/C meeting)
- Topics for Steering presentations at A/C: November 13 (textbook selection); December (hiring); January or February (curriculum review)
- Goal of D'Evelyn is to provide a sound liberal arts education
- Courses include: English, History, Science, Math, Foreign Language, PE, Fine Arts and Electives
- D'Evelyn is textbook based. Textbooks provide consistency in curriculum (vertical and horizontal) and sequential continuity, consistency when there are staffing changes
- Hiring: teachers should have extensive knowledge of their subject area. Teachers must agree with the D'Evelyn philosophy.
- Assessment: use of objective assessments of progress

Subcommittee Update - Steve Kosten

- Achievement Subcommittee — will start looking at data and then provide information to the Steering Committee. This will include data on standardized testing (trend data).
- Survey Subcommittee - Technology ranked #1, Student Achievement ranked #2

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

Attendees: Josh Griffin, Dana Miller, Steve Kosten, Carrie Kollar, Angie Volheim, Mett Karpinski, Donna Li, Lisa Cushnie, Kym Benfield, Melissa Campe, Lisa Rukstales, Karol Steeves, Pierre Habel, Jerry Sullivan, Joel Pankow

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 2018 @ 5:30-6:30 PM - LIBRARY