



## **Renaissance Elementary Magnet School - School Accountability Committee (SAC)**

*>>The purpose of the SAC is to inform, encourage, and provide opportunities for parents and community members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement processes.*

**November 15, 2016  
6:30pm – 7:30pm**

### **Minutes**

#### **In Attendance:**

Tiffany Reckseen, Chair  
Judy Cogburn, Community Representative  
Kristen Gerstner, Vice Chair  
Becca Koster, REA Representative  
Deborah Lemmer, Principal  
Amy Stuart, Recorder  
Elise Bratz, Parent Representative  
Josie Adler, Community Representative

**Absent:** Brittany Sundgren (excused)

#### **Attendees:**

- ◆ **Opening Reading & Snacks**
  - **Kristen:** Reading from “I May Frustrate You, But I’m a Keeper” book.
  
- ◆ **SAC Update**
  - Information from DAC Fall Forum October 25th
    - Kristen and Tiffany attended.
    - There was a discussion around “helicopter parenting” and its perils.
    - 8 sessions in 3 20-minute time slots. They attended 6 of the 8, including school finance, site-based budgeting, emergency communications, UIP, and long range planning committee is gathering feedback on budgeting priorities for each feeder area. There is one on Dec 5th Castle Rock Middle School.
    - Per pupil funding has been reduced by several hundred dollars.

- ❖ **Old Business**
  - September Minutes
    - September minutes were approved via email vote.
  
- ❖ **District Accountability Committee (DAC)**
  - Upcoming budget meetings
    - Tiffany will send out information for these meetings when she receives it.
  
- ❖ **Principal's Report: Deborah Lemmer**
  - EPR Discussion
    - EPRs were very time consuming for teachers and parent feedback was that they weren't necessarily helpful.
    - Renaissance is proposing a new progress report that told parents whether their children were above grade level, at grade level, or progressing toward grade level as well as indicators of their mastery related to what they are working on. The SAC was in agreement that this type of report card would be amenable to parents.
  - Allocation of carry-over money from our Site Based Budget
    - Budgeting processes are several months behind, so it is difficult to track.
    - Renaissance carried over \$34,134 from Fund 10 from last year that was not spent. After the October count, there is sometimes money that has to be paid back.
    - There is a Principal's Discretionary Fund that contains \$68,209, but is from the previous school in Parker and is not tax payer dollars.
    - In the last couple of years, there has been an additional \$167,000 provided by the district because we are a small school. This money has been used in past years to fund partial salaries of Professional Learning Specialist, Learning Specialist, Math Specialist Adventure Ed coordinator, and Educational Assistant. This funding is unlikely to remain for the next year.
  - Brief discussion on Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)
    - The school has been given a Performance Improvement Plan due to low participation. There was 64% participation at the school. The school met expectations for Academic Achievement and is approaching expectations for Academic Growth.
  
- ❖ **Staff Update: Deborah Lemmer**
  - Diana Hyland (librarian) will be moving out of state. The position has been posted and Diana will take part in the interviews. There will be an acknowledgement circle for her.
  - Deborah, Debbie, and Chelsea attended a Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, which was fabulous. Young Zhao said something that resonated - we spend so

much time looking at the deficits of children, and if we put that much energy into their strengths, what would that look like?

- Open Enrollment window is opened. There were 70 people at the parent orientation last week.

❖ **REA Update: Becca Koster**

- Challenge Day was a great success. Final numbers aren't in yet, as we are awaiting transfers of funds. Britnee and Katie have some ideas what went well and what they may change in the future.
- Becca also updated SAC on family fun nights, crew wear, OLE workday, Life is Art, a parent survey, and gear swap.

❖ **Open Forum**

- RSS - enrollment is over halfway there. Open enrollment for district just opened, so that is encouraging that half enrollment is in before people have started looking at schools. Cutoff is early January. Construction should start any day now, waiting on a couple of permits from Town of CR. 7th grade is 80% full. The next information session is Dec. 6th.

- ❖ **Adjournment** - Tiffany moved to adjourn. Kristen seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

❖ **SAC 2016-2017 Calendar**

Meeting Date		Reading and Snacks	
o	<b>November 15, 2016</b>	o	Kristen Gerstner
o	<b>February 21, 2017</b>	o	Amy Stuart
o	<b>April 18, 2017</b>	o	Becca Koster