



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.

**February 21, 2017
6:30pm**

Minutes

In Attendance:

Tiffany Reckseen, Chair
Kristen Gerstner, Vice Chair
Amy Stuart, Recorder
Deborah Lemmer, Principal
Judy Cogburn, Community Representative
Brittany Sundgren, Teacher Representative
Becca Koster, REA Representative
Josie Adler

➤ Opening Reading & Snacks

- Amy Stuart: **Curiosity is the Cat (Will Richardson)**

➤ Old Business

- Review and Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2016 and January 31, 2017 meetings will be done via email.

➤ District Accountability Committee (DAC)

- **DAC Winter Forum** - Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Rocky Heights Middle School, 11033 Monarch Boulevard in Highlands Ranch
 - A variety of sessions were provided, giving attendees an opportunity to learn about:
 - School and district funding
 - State assessments
 - Tried and true strategies for engaging and partnering with our community

- The Charter Application Review Team (CART) process
- The new performance frameworks and how to work effectively with your SAC to address school performance directly from staff from the Colorado Department of Education
- A chance to hear from principals and students in a series of thought-provoking roundtables.

➤ **Principal's Report: Deborah Lemmer**

○ **Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)**

- Because the test changed recently, results are difficult to compare. Results that were used to develop a UIP were: PARCC results, data from 14-15, 15-16, and TCAP data from 13-14. UIP was based on TCAP results, couldn't use PARCC in the first year. UIP this year is based on comparison from 14-15 and 15-16. iReady was also used for Reading and Math.
- The school received an "Approaching" rating for Growth and a "Meets" rating for Achievement. The UIP goals are focused on Growth in the areas of English/Language Arts and Math.
- The CDE gives a School Performance Framework rating for schools. Our rating was lower due to high testing opt-out rates at this school. The school is required to develop a plan to decrease opt-out rates.

Staffing: At least one teacher is retiring. There may be additional positions available if some teachers may transition to RSS.

Funding/Budget: The district did not allow for additional funding for small school budget. In order to support the UIP, the school will still have a 80% time Math interventionist and an 80% time Literacy interventionist in addition to a teacher in every classroom. The school lost the PLS (Professional Learning Specialist) due to reduced budget. If the school was able to replace this position, it would need to be a one year only position.

Carryover: There is \$65,000 in carryover money available, according to the district. This could be used for a PLS, for an Assistant Principal in Deborah's last year as Principal, or saved for another purpose.

Priorities: There was discussion about priorities for the Life is Art Fundraiser. SAC agreed to prioritize staffing (a PLS and/or EAs) as well as Professional Development.

➤ **Staff Update:**

- Brittany reported that voyages are wrapping up.

- **REA Update:**
 - Becca gave an update about Life is Art. The event has raised quite a bit prior to the event through sponsorships and ticket sales. They have sold 185 tickets so far. Life is Art fundraising will be extended throughout the week, so those unable to attend will be able to donate. Life is Art: Artists' Edition has been rebranded as the Arts Festival.
- **Open Forum**
 - **None**
- **Adjournment**
 - Tiffany moved to adjourn at 7:55pm. Kristen seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.
- **SAC 2016-2017 Calendar**

| Meeting Date | | Reading and Snacks | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| o | April 18, 2017 | o | Becca Koster |