

Elbert School District Accountability Committee

Monthly Meeting located in Board Room

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 4:30pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Opening Actions

- a. Call to order – Meeting called to order at 4:30pm by Tammy Rose, President.
 - i. Present: Matt Parenti, Tammy Rose, Tracy Ardrey, Dave Rozdilsky, John Read, Kyrei Zion, Kathy Franek and Kelli Thompson
 - ii. Approval of minutes – Kelly Thompson made motion to accept minutes as presented. Matt Parenti second to the motion. Minutes approved as presented.
 - iii. Additions to agenda. – No additions to the agenda. Agenda accepted as presented.

2. Reports

- a. Student Leadership – Report given by Kelli Thompson.
 - i. Staff continues to find a student that can be available for monthly meetings. Students participated in activities for Halloween including a trunk or treat presented by High School students and the annual Halloween carnival hosted by the elementary student council. A food drive is currently ongoing for the Christmas season. A Valentine’s day dance is being planned for secondary students.
- b. School Board – Report given by Tracy Ardrey
 - i. See school board minutes for full report.
- c. Administration – Report given by Kelli Thompson
 - i. There have been a few resignations mainly in the transportation department. Bus transportation routes have been revised to accommodate the short fall of drivers. Susan Opfer has been hired as the interim transportation director and Chris Noe has taken the head bus driver position. Joe Cornell has resigned as boy’s high school basketball assistant coach. Joe Thompson has taken this position.
 - ii. Staff continues to work through a large down list for failing grades. It is proportionate to the enrollment, but larger than usual.
- d. Sub-Committees – No reports given

3. Action and Discussion

- a. School Board Charges
 - i. Oversight of SB 291 – 1338 Council – Formal observations have been ongoing this quarter.
 - ii. Preschool Oversight – Kathy gave a report on preschool activities and enrollment.

1. Preschool enrollment is currently at 29 students. 30 students is our maximum at Elbert. Eight of the students have IEP status that is mainly speech daily.
 2. Universal preschool is of concern to the district. This is all day preschool approved by our State legislature slated to begin in 2023. We would have to drop our maximum from 30 to 15 when this goes into effect.
 - iii. Healthy School Index – This is a CDE survey. CDE chooses the schools that participate. This is an anonymous student survey on a wide range of topics. We do not know if Elbert will be included this year. The survey results come to the Accountability Committee to be evaluated.
 - iv. Unified Improvement Plan – Elbert schools submittal was accepted and approved by the State.
 - v. School Climate Survey – Survey put together by the Accountability Committee. The survey is typically released in March. Members to begin thinking about survey items.
 - vi. Financial Recommendation – The new budget cycle begins in January. The official child count on October 1 for funding purposes was 259 students. The reserve fund of \$500,000 has been reestablished after it was depleted after being allocated to the bond issue. Staff received step increases that have been held for the previous 10 years during lean budget years.
- b. Committee Set Up – Nothing pressing at this time. Committees will be set up as occasions arise.
- i. Matt Parenti voiced a possible need for a committee to review Homecoming activities including bringing back the parade and involving elementary students more.

4. Closing Actions

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm by Tammy Rose, President
- b. Next regularly scheduled meeting: January 12, 2022, 4:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kyrei Zion
Accountability Committee Secretary