

Devinny Elementary Student Accountability Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019

Next meeting: October 17, 2019, 5:45 – 6:30, Devinny Library

1. Opening Remarks

Cathleen welcomed attendees and provided general overview of meeting structure.

2. What is Accountability?

Cathleen introduced new Student Accountability Committee (SAC) Chair Dee Dee Craig.

SAC is mandated by state law to be an advisory committee to Principal/school with representation from parents, teachers, and community members. The primary goal of SAC is to review available school data and advise on budget, UIPs, other school issues (as identified).

Reviewed current structure of Accountability meetings:

- various stakeholders represented
- share information about various topics
- seek input about our school budget
- address areas of concern

The goal is to move to a committee structure that will allow community to provide specific feedback and guidance regarding school budgets and performance goals. Over the course of 2019-2020 SAC will be morphed into:

- Specific membership with all welcome
- Time to share information and get recommendations about school
- Address areas of concern

The new format will ensure that Devinny's SAC will meet state laws and will provide committee members a forum to dig into school data and provide meaningful feedback/recommendations to Principal.

The Principal will still share information in general forum meetings as needed via PTA format.

Membership, as far as practical, a SAC should ensure the following minimum membership:

- Principal or designee.
- Chair, who by state law must be a parent.
- At least one teacher who provides instruction in the school.
- At least three parents of students enrolled in the school.
- At least one adult member of an organization of parents, teachers, and students recognized by the school (e.g. PTA).
- At least one member of the community.

The Principal, with the support of the committee, needs to ensure the number of parent representatives exceeds the number of representatives from the group with the next highest representation (e.g., faculty members) and is consistent with the student populations that are significantly represented within the school.

3. Devinny's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)/Where are we at?

The UIP process is an ongoing activity throughout the school year and is finalized in April. Currently Administration/Staff are in the process of drafting initial UIP, which needs to be in place by October 15th.

English Language Arts (ELA) Academic Achievement

We will show a decrease in the number of students in 4th and 5th grade demonstrating low growth on their ELA CMAS assessment. The target is to decrease from 29% (47/160 students) demonstrating low growth to <26%. ACTUAL Decrease – 24%

*2018-2019 school year shifted focus from Math to ELA. ELA achievement for 4th and 5th grades exceeded expectations.

Math Academic Growth

Students identified as Free & Reduced Lunch (FRL) Eligible will increase their Medium Growth Percentile (MGP) from 38 in 2018 to 50 in 2019. Estimated ACTUAL: MGP for FRL students = 30

*Did not have enough FRL population to get data from Colorado Department of Education.

Overall MGP decreased for Devinny as a school in 2018-2019. Part of UIP will look at ways to improve and continue to build on instruction strategies in previous years. (small group instruction)

READ Act

Through targeted interventions we will decrease the number of students who score below grade level based on their DIBELS composite score by the end of the school year from 22 students in 2018 to 15 students in 2019. ACTUAL - Increase to 34 (from 6% to 10%)

School is looking at what type of interventions are working and if different strategies are called for so that students are getting support needed.

Other information

Academic Achievement, Devinny continues to lead within the district, with third grade being ranked at top within the district.

ELA Growth, Devinny increased in all areas, with the 4th grade having nearly 50% meeting/exceeding standards.

Math Growth, Devinny is looking at creating controls with respect to instructional practices in math (area of opportunity)

Resource for Data

SCHOOLVIEW (website) found on DE website and is good way to see data in achievement and growth.

4. New Opportunity

Playground Parents--- based on observation, there are kids who do not have a lot to do while on recess and others are not sure how to act on playground (i.e.: how to play on equipment).

NEED:

Parents to hang out during recess and play with students to:

- Provide extra support outside
- Engage children in interactive games/activities
- Develop Community
- Create opportunity for all

Lindsay Rankin is working with Cathleen to create activity cards with instructions for how to play with equipment, games to play, etc. Parents can volunteer for a few hours during the day.

In coming weeks, there will be a sign-up genius sent out asking for volunteers to come on Tuesdays and Thursday from 11:15-1:15 to engage in play with students during recess. If those days do not work, let Office Staff know and accommodations will be made. Any support is appreciated.

What you'll do---select activity/activities and be available to engage with students in chosen activity.

Susan Fleming—mentioned that playground after school is chaotic. Cathleen will remind duty person to sweep by playground to make sure all kids playing are connected to an adult (looking that no student is unsupervised). Cathleen will remind kids that they are not to be on their bikes while on school property.

5. Request feedback for topics

Cathleen handed out note cards to attendees to write down topics for discussion, questions, concerns, etc. Feedback will be reviewed with SAC Chair to plan for topics in upcoming meetings.

If you have questions and want feedback prior to next meeting, include your name on your note card and Cathleen will follow up as needed.

Kelly Cherne- Do parents need to sign confidentiality agreement when volunteering in classroom? Yes, Cathleen will remind teachers to get this agreement signed and signing once is good for entire year.