

School Accountability Committee (SAC) meeting: August 25, 2011 (5:45–7:15)

Attendees:

Bob Oehmke, Carol Holly, Tabitha Brown, Tami Musfeldt, Jenny Wood, Erin Hirschland (Parents)
Lisa Jenkins, Sarah Burnett, Chris Newby, Cathy Zimmerman, Anna Hamlen (Teachers)
Larry Orobona (Principal)

Co-Chairs: Lisa Jenkins (teacher rep.), Tabitha Brown (parent rep.)

Secretary: Anna Hamlen

DAC member: STILL LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER!...anyone? anyone?

NOTES:

- SAC Representative training on Tuesday, September 6th from 6–8pm to be attended by Larry Orobona and Lisa Jenkins
- SAC Manual overview and review: duty and the power of SAC to provide input and recommendations on an advisory basis regarding leadership, personnel, infrastructure, school performance, improvement plan and budget items.
- DISTRICT GOALS:
 - Achievement is high (celebration)
 - Equity – there is still a gap between those on free and reduced lunch, special education, minority students, students w/ disabilities, English Language Learners and other students at Heatherwood (challenge) – 27 students comprise this group
 - Climate goal is still a district driven goal, but we are on the right track with our PBS program (parent survey to be mailed out in March, student survey to be administered in May)
- SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 2011:
 - Performance indicators: Academic achievement, Academic growth, and Academic growth gaps
 - Root cause and identification analysis: to determine why students are not performing as well as they could (looking for a root cause analyst)
 - Look at instructional practices within classroom and what structures can we put in place to help in areas in which we are challenged: equity; to supplement in areas where student are not getting the support they need (at home).
 - Colorado Growth Model: Follows ALL students' achievement and performance and compare their progress with others at similar schools across Colorado from year to year.
 - Tracking 1 year vs. 3 year growth...we're on a performance plan, on track, and we did meet the goals we set for ourselves last year (which is good! ☺)
- Heatherwood's Growth Scores:
 - Fourth grade greatly improved this year – root cause: small class sizes?
 - Fifth grade has decreased over the last three years – root cause: large class sizes?
 - Factors: economy? Meal assisted? Lost resources?