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September 20, 2012

Dear District Accountability Committee Member,

Our first DAC meeting for this school year (2012-2013) is taking place at Manassa Elementary Library on Tuesday, September 25, 2012. The meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 7:00PM.

Enclosed is an agenda for the September 25 meeting, and the DAC minutes from the **April 24, 2012**.

The DAC meetings occur four (4) times during the school year. If additional meetings are needed, the Chairperson may call for special meetings. The first three meetings conducted are at different school sites within the district. The final and fourth meeting is held at a local restaurant. The meal for the fourth meeting is covered by Federal Programs Title IA funds – Parent Involvement.

Below are dates and locations for the other three DAC Meetings this school year.

November 27 – Centauri High School Library, 7PM

February 26 – Centauri Middle School Library, 7PM

April 30 – Local Restaurant (TBA) 7PM.

As always, if you need anything prior to the meeting, please contact either of us.

Thanks!

Ken Shell
Chairperson

Carla Archuleta
Assistant Superintendent
Chairperson



**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE 1- J
DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Manassa Elementary Library
September 25 2012
7:00 PM**

AGENDA

I. Welcome: 7:00pm

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of April 24, 2012 Minutes

IV. Building Reports:

- La Jara Elementary
- Manassa Elementary
- Centauri Middle School
- Centauri High School
- La Jara Second Chance

V. Old Business

There is no old business to cover at this time.

VI. New Business

- A. Introductions
- B. 2012-2013 Federal Program Fiscal Year Budget
- C. Food Service Program Report — Cheryl McCann
- D. Automated Phone Service (School Reach) Parent Survey overall feedback — Natalie Taylor and Mindy Montague
- E. 2012 District Framework Report

VII. Opportunity for Citizens to Address the DAC

VIII. Next Meeting: November 27, 2012 - Centauri High School Library

VIII. Adjournment



**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE 1-J
DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 24, 2012

7:00 PM at Wagon Wheel Restaurant

Attendance: Carla Archuleta, Tauna Braiden, John Camponeschi, Hannah Cary, Tracey Crowther, Susan Hamilton, Russell Braiden, Jesse Shawcroft, Janice Price, Ken Shell, Natalie Taylor and Mindy Montague

Mr. Ken Shell, DAC President, started the meeting at approximately 7 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by John Camponeschi to approve the agenda, seconded by Janice Price and Natalie Taylor. Motion passed

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Janice Price to approve the February 28, 2012 minutes with the correction to change the motion to approve the agenda made by Natalie Rogers to Natalie Taylor, seconded by Carla Archuleta. Motion passed

Building Reports:

Centuari High School:

- ACT for all juniors April 24
- We have started registration for next year
- Building correlation meeting next early release
- Emergency procedures (lockdowns and IED training) last early release
- \$200,000 worth of scholarships so far
- Working toward 100% of seniors with financial assistance
- Scholarship night May 22
- Academic awards night May 8
- Vocational trip to Santa Fe Community College for future opportunities (over 30 student participants)
- FCCLA went to state competition last week. We have 4 qualified for the national competition
- FBLA Competed this weekend.
- IML Art Festival last week
- Band/choir was excellent at the CHSAA festival
- Prom prep next week
- Mr. Wilson met with each class to discuss dress code for prom...trying to avoid a problem at the door.
- After prom
- End of year Bash with the 8th grade invited
- Choir production on May 14
- Band concert May 21

- Senior Trip May 23

La Jara Elementary:

- TCAP testing went very well with students giving a great effort.
- TAG classes are up and running with many students participating (52 total). TAG classes this 9 weeks include Rocketry, Gymnastics, The Art of the Positive-Thinking, Critical-Thinking skills, and Leadership.
- Aims Committee has been busy coordinating some new healthy and fit living initiatives for our students and communities. This committee is made up of staff from La Jara and Manassa Elementary and Rocky Mountain Research Center. This year, the committee coordinated the April 19th Nutrition Night at Manassa Elementary with about 90 people in attendance from both school communities. The members of the community were served dinner, and were able to gain nutrition knowledge and information from the SLV nutrition educators. Next year, both schools are going to implement a Community walking program with a goal of families coming together to exercise and get moving. Also, both schools are taking part in a Recess Initiative in which both PE teachers will introduce new recess activities/games to students aimed at getting students moving and active during recesses outside.
- Early Release on April 11th was utilized by staff to have technology training and curriculum collaboration.
- Little Treasures and Conejos Headstart have both visited LJE, with both visits including classroom time with current kindergarten students and teachers, recess time and lunch. After Kindergarten registration on April 17th, we have 31 students preregistered to attend next year.
- 5th grade immunizations are complete and Flouride varnishing will take place the week of April 23rd. Melissa Caldon, our school nurse, has organized all these events and we appreciate her hard work.
- Spring Fling will take place on Wednesday, April 25th at 7 PM @ CMS. This year the theme will be "Flashback to the 80's". Everyone in attendance is encouraged to dress up with prizes given out to the best 80's costume. Mrs. Meis and Mrs. Shults have done an amazing job and students are excited to perform.
- Field trips have been scheduled.
- May 1st, the Colorado National Guard will fly in to LJE and talk to students about the importance of living a drug free life.
- May 2nd students will take part in a 911 presentation.
- CMS 6th grade band will perform at LJE on May 9th.
- Words of Wisdom Assembly will take place in Mid May sometime with a final date to be determined soon.
- 5th grade transition visit to CMS will take place on May 18th. This will include a tour of the 6th grade hall, eating lunch and meeting CMS staff. Also included is a question and answer time with Mrs. Hamilton. 5th graders look forward to this experience every year.
- May 21st is LJE Awards Assembly.
- May 22nd is field day.

Manassa Elementary:

- We have finished TCAP for the year and are already preparing students for next year.
- We are continuing to address struggling learners through RTI's; Our RTI team is working to address these needs in a very positive way.
- We had Kindergarten registration on Friday, April 20. We had an average turnout and hope for a few more before the beginning of school next year.
- We had a Nutrition night last week. We had a potato bar with locally grown food. Four different workshops taught us about eating and buying nutritious food. They talked a lot about buying locally grown food to help the local economy and local food is nutritious.
- We are looking at many professional development opportunities this summer. Many are planning to attend the Metro Math Workshop.
- Our Friday in-service will bring together both elementary schools. We will collaborate with grade level teachers to discuss our curriculum and resources.
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LaJara Second Chance:

- New Horizons and Heartlight students completed TCAP testing. New Horizons had 100% participation.
- Students have been preparing for the ACT test which will be administered on April 24, 2012 for all juniors.
- Graduation is scheduled for May 24, 2012 at CMS at 7:00 pm. Potential graduates: New Horizons – 7, La Jara Adult – 1, Heartlight – 6. Seniors are working diligently to complete all requirements.
- Students are making posters and flyers as part of the Getting Healthy class with Elena Miller-ter Kuile. As part of the Getting Healthy class students are walking daily either at the Elementary or through different sections of the community.
- During the week of April 23 – 27th, students are picking up trash as part of the Earth Day activities.
- Early release on April 11, 2012 staff worked on identifying resources to work with the District Curriculum for 9th Grade Mathematics. In addition to text books, web resources, Study Island lessons and Smartboard lessons are included.

Centauri Middle School:

- All classrooms now have promethean boards!
- Promethean training was presented by Brian Riccatone on 4/17/12 and several staff members attended
- There was a drug awareness presentation on 4/19/12! Many students expressed that it was very informative!
- Many band students attended solo ensemble and did very well!
- C.M.S. will have whole year schedules complete by the beginning of the year for the 2012-2013 school year! This will lead to minimal changes between the quarters for student schedules at the beginning of each quarter.
- Teacher appreciation week is approaching. C.M.S. will host a staff luncheon and the teachers will be given gifts such as gift cards.

- End of the year field trips have been scheduled.
- 6th Grade – Wetlands
- 7th Grade – Sand Dunes
- 8th Grade – Elk Creek Campground
- WAIT training is ongoing in the 8th grade. WAIT training is a program designed to build strong relationships and character.
- Language Arts teachers will be attending a curriculum map collaboration on 4/27 in Del Norte.
- Gear-up is actively involved in 7th and 8th grade at C.M.S. Math intervention next year for Gear-up will be a focus of the program.
- John Camponeschi would like to thank the D.A.C. for allowing him to serve the district as the C.M.S. D.A.C. member.

Old Business:

A. Mini bus concerns

- Mr. Ivers addressed the questions at the last meeting by having a write up (handout).
- Discussion that Mr. Patrick Crowther expressed the need for reinforcement and consistent training.
- Colorado issues include; seat belts-too expensive, costly, and difficult to enforce
- All buses made to be as secure and cautious as possible including height of the seats

New Business:

A. District Summer Professional Development

Three Pieces to District Professional Development

- June: Three-day Promethean Board Training (Central Office and CHS Cafeteria)
 - Basic, Intermediate and Advanced training
- July: Four-day Metro Math Training (Central Office and Band Room)
- July: Three-day Promethean Board Training (Central Office and CHS Cafeteria)
 - Basic, Intermediate and Advanced training
- All training would take place on campus, we would keep business local and internal
- Discussion that new staff can sustain the training at the district level

B. Draft Parent Survey

- Carla thanked Natalie Taylor for her assistance with the draft survey. Carla is requesting input and feedback returned to her by May 14, 2012 so that it can be compiled and provide to the board. In the event the board chooses to move forward, then the surveys will be dispersed in June to parents with return addressed envelopes. The information will be compiled and then presented to the board. The intention of this is to enhance what is currently in place. The funding for the automated system would be taken out of the federal program however, parent input is necessary.

C. Draft Consolidated Federal Program Grant Proposal for School Year 2012-2013

- Carla would like input from principals as well as information provided from teaching staff. Carla just went through the District Unified Improvement Plan and asked for feedback. Carla provided an overview of 2012-2013 expenditures.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the DAC:

1. Tracey Crowther expressed how impressed students had been with a dynamic motivational speaker they had attended at FCCLA. It was regarding anti-bullying, race, religion, culture etc. She expressed what a great opportunity this could be for the high school, middle school and possible coordination with other school districts. This could be something different or a new outlook to keep in mind. Schools, parents and the community could come together. Susan also stated that there is an agreement with mental health that has a motivational speaker as well. Carla expressed that motivational speakers are great in addition to making sure that our children have needed tools and that we need to have dialogue with students. It was discussed the need to be vigilant, flexible, educated and understanding as parents and members of the community.

A motion for the District Accountability Meeting to adjourn was made by John Camponeschi and seconded by Tauna Braiden. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Next DAC meeting is September 25, 2012 (7 p.m.) at Manassa Elementary