

DAC Approved Meeting Minutes January 31, 2022

Underwpa – Jamarr – Carlee Simon – Jenny Highlander – Augustus Allen – Ray Holt – Julie Crosby – Keith Watts – Judi Hebert – Stacey Polvere – Kathleen End – Carrie Howard – Karen Grater – Meredith – Praveen Pathak – Rachel Meek – Jon Pilgrim - Tina Certain – Jenny Highlander – Cheryl Johnson -

Jamarr introduced himself and updated concerning meeting on Zoom or in person. The Staff Attorney is investigating the legalities.

This meeting is the first meeting this school year. If you were a part of the previous meeting, please check out the minutes sent out.

Tina Certain will begin chairing the meeting until Rob Hyatt is active.

We are asking for a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2021.

Motion by Julie Crosby and Seconded by Keith Watts.

No one opposes – will receive them at approval.

Motion carried

DAC restructuring by Dr. Simon

Dr. Simon gave a short recap of the by-laws – to have more member participation and be chaired by a member instead of the Superintendent. Items to be discussed would be something that the members want and board members.

I emailed members a proposal of by-laws modification.

Showed modification of changes to the by-laws – The website's bylaws are currently 10/24/19.

Added DAC voting membership will be able to bring up topics.

DAC will elect two co-chairs to develop meeting agendas and lead the meetings

I just received the amended bylaws and wanted to clarify that he's not opposed to anything before discussing it. He needs to empty School Board created the DAC School Board as a conduit between the schools and the board, and the DAC reports to the board. Before School Board can make any changes, the School Board can make any change session and a vote.

Tina Certain – The DAC can make their recommendations and take them to the board to either accept or make modifications. Any member of the DAC is free to discuss.

Rob Hyatt – I wanted to clarify my understanding and didn't want to discuss something further before it came before the board.

Carly Simon – Will modify the name to Parker Elementary instead of Finley Elementary.

Julie Crosby – One thing is that as a DAC member, we will receive input from the community, and whatever the item is, we can't share because it's not on the agenda and cannot be freely discussed. In early 2020 – the beginning of the pandemic – at the first DAC meeting, I got input from the community. And they wanted to ask about this and that, and the meeting agenda didn't have anything on it that the community wanted to know.

Tina Certain – Will ask legal how to discuss items that aren't on the agenda.

Julie Crosby – Would the chairs have any input to the agenda.

Carly Simon – the DAC voting members, decide what to talk about. Everybody would benefit from continuous feedback on what to address.

Ray Holt – No issues with revision. Should put it in order and move with a second.

Praveen Pathak (EHS) – Got the item about 10 minutes before the meeting.

Carly Simon – Brought a proposal, and we don't have to vote at this meeting. It should be considered when we have future agendas and how to construct them.

Tina Certain – Anyone else? Mr. Holt has proposed that we move this forward.

Ray Holt – We can continue the discussion with a motion and a second.

Ray Holt - I move

Julie Crosby – second

Tina Certain – Is there any other discussion. At the last meeting, the DAC discussed the bylaws at that meeting.

Keith Watts – Was in complete agreement that these would be positive changes. 100% on board.

Julie Crosby – I think it might help maintain a quorum that people would feel more motivated to participate if they felt their service was more appreciated. A core principle of volunteerism is giving them real work to do.

Augustus Allen – New to the meeting – second to Ms. Crosby. This is to give you, the board, feedback. Have feedback on the agenda support of this. I am still learning.

Isaac Jones – nominated by Gunnar Paulson SFCC – I think that we, as DAC members and volunteers have some responsibility to make this thing work. The DAC membership should be contributing to making this a better educational process for all of us, and we should be doing more.

Carly Simon – We have a quorum. We can vote, or we can wait. We are required to have four meetings a year. We need co-chairs.

Ray Holt – begin new it would be great to get some information. Would Mr. Akins be the contact for that?

Tina Certain – start with Mr. Akins, and he could connect you with someone that can help.

Carly Simon - I think we should have everybody introduce themselves – we're checking into the sunshine, and we're looking into it further if we can meet face to face.

Tina Certain – in person is good, but the zoom is suitable for those who can't make it right after school. Zoom has its positives and negatives.

Jenny Highlander – I find either way if we're voting today. Is there any way to provide input to the person doing the agenda?

Carly Simon - There is a lot of interest for parents to do the co-chairing.

Keith Watts – it would make the most sense to vote on this. Maybe we could get a couple of volunteers. At the next meeting, we could do the actual vote. We did all our discussions on zoom, which was less attended. GHS is a very central location, and we could quickly get the multi-purpose room at GHS. We should vote on this today and take a couple of volunteers.

John Pilgrim – I wanted to go ahead and vote.

All in favor vote with your hand raised.'

Carly Simon – I have 16 hands up with 23 votes. I see 18 now.

Isaac Jones - votes yes

Carly Simon – I think there are 19

Jamarr Akins – I counted 18, / Mr. Jones is 19.

Tina Certain – thank you.

Tina Certain – the next item on the agenda is the group discussion. Would you like to select a chair and co-chair and vote today or have a volunteer for now?

Julie Crosby – I nominate Mr. Watts.

Tina Certain – is there anyone else? Mr. Watts, you've been nominated by Ms. Crosby. Would you be willing to be the other one if I did it?

Keith Watts – I would if Ms. Crosby would be willing to help.

Julie Crosby – Yes.

Carly Simon – TAC, does the same model. One at elementary, one at the middle, one at high. They meet with Mr. Akins and me about a week before the meeting. We came up with a theme for the year, so our agenda hasn't - just a zoom meeting for the three of us.

Tina Certain – is there any other feedback?

Rob Hyatt – I think Mr. Watts and Ms. Crosby would be great. When Mr. Watts initially mentioned, he said a couple of volunteers to start, which may be the way to go until the board approves the bylaws.

Carly Simon – put the by-laws on the September agenda.

Rob Hyatt – yea that would be fine. That gives us a little time to think about that, and the 15th would be a good time for it.

Tina Certain – we have a chair and co-chair until approved bylaws. So we didn't do introductions at the beginning of the meeting.

Everybody introduced themselves except Petunia 😊