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Accountability Committee Networking Series Kickoff and Roles + Responsibilities

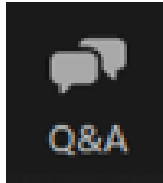
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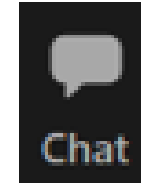
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Principal, Platte Valley Middle School
- Lisa Steffen
Accountability and Continuous Improvement, CDE
- Dr. Darcy Hutchins
Director of Family School and Community Partnerships, CDE



Q&A vs Chat



- This is the place to ask our speaker questions related to the topic.
- Questions related to the topic will be answered at the end of presentation or privately throughout the session, as capacity allows.



- This is the place to affirm statements from the presentation or to add a comment for the good of all participants, such as links to resources or examples of promising practices, related to the topic.

Introduction in Chat: Name, School, District, and Role with Acc. Committee

SAC/DAC Networking Series Format

- Meet Monthly August – May
- 2nd Tuesday of the month 5:30-6:30pm
- All invited (tell your peers!)
- Slides and recording posted here after each meeting
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/sacdacnetworking>
- Agenda:
 - School or district presentation
 - Topical introduction from CDE staff
 - Breakout groups
- Let [Lisa](#) or [Darcy](#) know if you have a promising practice in one of the topic areas!



Case Study: Platte Valley Middle School



*I felt that some diversity was needed
since every other picture in this
presentation is of cats!

PLATTE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jason Taylor - Principal



DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Rural Northeastern Colorado
2. 250 students
3. 66% Caucasian
4. 34% Hispanic/Latino
5. 32% Economically Disadvantaged
6. VERY wide range of socioeconomic status

PLATTE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jason Taylor - Principal



ECONOMY





STRENGTHS

- Very involved/committed community (especially with athletics)
- The community puts its money with the schools and has supported us through bonds and Mill Levy Over Rides
- Stable and experienced Leadership Team
- Outstanding teaching staff



CHALLENGES

(for the SAC/DAC)



Where is everybody!?

THE DILEMMA

(Does this sound like you?)

- How do we get more people involved with our SAC/DAC?
- We can't be doing too terrible a job because our families consistently come to conferences and athletic events and they vote for our ballot measures.
- How do we use the SAC/DAC process to make our district even better?

THE ANSWER:

The SAC/DAC Networking Series

- Monthly Support Meetings
- Excellent resources posted at each meeting
- Best Practice presentations from schools and districts
- Opportunities to collaborate with peers and colleagues working through similar challenges

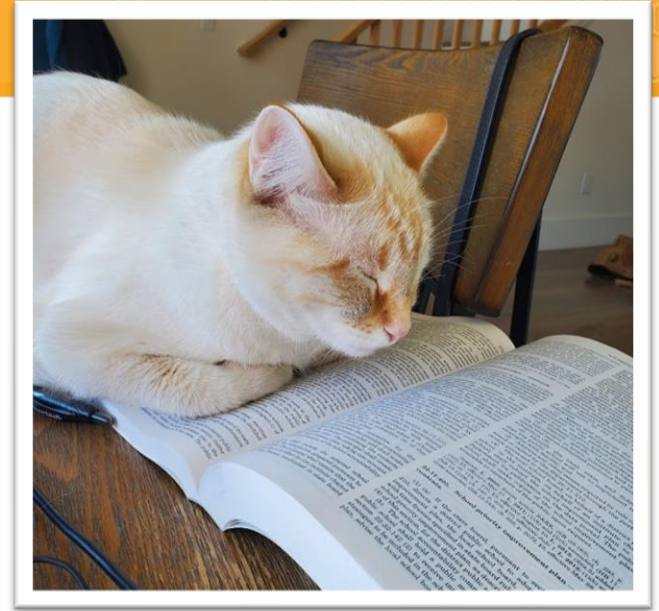


Accountability Committee Expectations



Overview of Law

- Meet at least quarterly
- Review progress on Improvement Plan throughout year
- Budget and spending priorities
- Principal development to DAC
 - (e.g., provide principal feedback on their support of SAC)
- Recruitment
- Family Engagement Policy Implementation
- Recommendation on READ, ICAP, Truancy
- If Priority Improvement/Turnaround
 - Public Hearing
 - Review of UIP and recommendations to board



Committee Composition

DAC Composition

- At least three parents of students enrolled in the district
- At least one teacher employed by the district
- At least one school administrator employed by the district
- At least one person involved in business in the community within the district boundaries

SAC Composition

- The principal or the principal's designee
- 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 a PTSA
- At least one community member



Timeline and Calendar

- Set an Annual Agenda
 - Begin with state expectations
 - What do members want to discuss
- Minimum 4 meetings a year
 - Many committees meet monthly
- Unified Improvement Plan
 - August – Review plan for 2021-22
 - October 15 – **Plan is due** – public on SchoolView
 - Winter - Progress monitoring
 - Spring – begin plan for 2022-23
- Budget
 - Align to district budgeting calendar



[2021-22 Accountability Committee Timeline](#)

Kickoff

- Welcome new members
 - Provide opportunities for groups to get to know each other
 - Provide time for members to share stories
 - Ice breakers
- Ongoing training for all members
 - Orientation for new members
 - Mentorships
- Communication Plan
 - Group website (e.g., Facebook, Slack) or email chain
 - Handbook or reference documents
- Make it worth the time
 - Close the loop



Breakout 1

How have your standard accountability committee practices changed due to COVID19?

What opportunities do you see?

What new challenges have emerged?

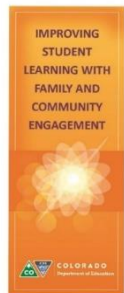
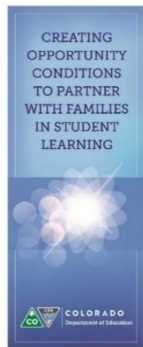
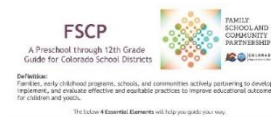
Breakout Group Discussion

Breakout 2

What are your expectations from this
networking series?
i.e.; what would you like to gain from
our time together?

Breakout Group Discussion

Supports and Resources from Family-School-Community Partnerships Office



State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education

2020 Colorado Academic Standards

Family and Community Guides



Rubric Organization

Essential Element 1: Create an Inclusive Culture	How are you creating an inclusive culture in your school? How are you ensuring that all families and community members are welcome and valued? How are you ensuring that all families and community members are heard and have a voice in the decision-making process?
Essential Element 2: Building Trusting Relationships	How are you building trusting relationships with families and community members? How are you ensuring that all families and community members are heard and have a voice in the decision-making process?
Essential Element 3: Design Capacity Building Opportunities	How are you designing capacity building opportunities for families and community members? How are you ensuring that all families and community members are heard and have a voice in the decision-making process?
Essential Element 4: Dedicate Necessary Resources	How are you dedicating necessary resources to support family and community engagement? How are you ensuring that all families and community members are heard and have a voice in the decision-making process?

SAC/DAC Resources

On the Horizon:

- Monthly District Coffee Chats
- FSCP Collaborative
- Family and School Partnership in Education Month
- Reframing Learning Modules
- TIPS Interactive Homework
- SAC/DAC Conference?



Invite your
peers!

Next Up September 14th UIP/Stakeholder Engagement

