

PSD District Advisory Board

September 16, 2024
7:00-9:00pm
Boardroom

Meeting Agenda:

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| 7:00 | Welcome | DAB Chair – CSU Moderator - |
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| 7:20 - 7:30 7:30 - | BoE Updates | BoE, DAB Liaison - |
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DAB Attendance- September 16th, 2024

Taylor Unwin (Bamford); Sara Bryan (Bauder); Tory Pappas (Beattie); Latoya Noel (Beattie); Brett Hansen (Bethke); Faith Fritsch (Blevins); Chelsea Wisdom (CLP E); Beth Reynolds (CLP MS); Jodi Quass (Compass); April Gerakos-Rooker (Dunn/Shepardson); Satie Walker (Johnson); Karrie Grama-Ferguson (KOP);
Michelle Duncan (Liberty); Jenny Miller (Lincoln); Jon Danielson (Linton); Katrina Toth-Green (Linton); Stephanie Matthews (Linton/Boltz); Grace Turnbull (Lopez); Jaime Donnelly (Olander); David Garner (Polaris); Sarabeth Lundquist (Polaris); Jenna Goupil (Poudre HS); Anne Nelson (Putnum); Gaylene Moldt (Rice); Michelle Finchum (RMHS); Christy Haldeman (Timnath MHS); Sara Merrill (Traut/Kinard); Taylor Ritchie (Webber); Lee Romsa (Wellington); Stacy Armstrong (PSD Global); Scott Schoenbauer (BOE); Ashley Barrett

- o Wants to connect with the new curriculum instruction director to get insight into how curriculum updates are going.
- o Has heard teachers are pleased with the EL curriculum even though it was a tough learning curve.
- o They are seeing results.
- o Jami hopes to get more hard data from new curriculum instruction director.
- o ~~She~~ a better understanding of WHO to reach out to this coming year and how to ~~1) get~~ ~~2) see~~ ~~3) use~~.
- o Jami wants to feel like a useful team member by connecting with several people to get updates.
- o Question came up about new SAT requirement for math.
- o Jamie does not have an answer to this question.
- o ~~Ciara Kingsley~~ asked for the question again (w Tf f2.)-fa 1.2fe)-4 (m)2 (c Tm [(S)2 Tm [(Jam)b(ho)-
- o Switching to electronic test per Dr. Gile.

- Jami mentioned along with assuming positive intent “Owning impact” – we can say

- Categorical funding – ~~KU + BDU + UCU~~
equalization. We don't get a lot of federal funding – fairly small portion.
- Where do we get our money from? Total Program - Public School Finance Act – makes up about 75% of funds. Reviewed the formula of how it's calculated.
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unit. Then the State goes further with considerations. Size and cost of living are impactful for PSD. We are 8th largest district in CO, we don't get much of a size adjustment. ~~At the end of the year, we~~
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State does study every two years – cost of living in Fort Collins vs other places. We then get funded based on cost of living. We get the bare minimum state formula can derive. We are the lowest funded district as far as this formula goes.
- District A and District B charts – think of them as two water glasses. When local share grows, state decreases amount provided. State kicks in less. State will not balance us out. Bottom line: we are not getting anything to help us out.

- - o 2024 Levy similar to 2019 override. See slides for notes.
- Is Mill Levy for a set amount of time?
 - o DM: No, usually in perpetuity
- Handout – can overview chart be modified for ease of reading? Looks like
 - o DM: Yes
- Stabilize Budget.
 - o DM: Thanks for feedback
- F: Who are the people who don't have kids, etc.?
 - o DM: It's really hard.
- BK: 2021 Millage
 - o DM: clarified, referring to the chart
- how involved were the schools in this process? In getting feedback on what their needs really are?
 - o DM: A lot of it came from the engineering study. Also looking at requests made by schools for things that need to be done. Sound systems, repairs, etc. Multiple pieces of data.
- CDE did a facilities assessment. Have they been compared?
 - o DM: Not nearly as comprehensive as McKinstry study
- What sort of parameters are going to be put in place to ensure funding goes to where you are saying it will go.
 - o DM: Mill levy will be tracked separately from all other funding. Lauren added there will be an oversight committee, as with all ballot measures.
- Is this graphic going to be made pretty?
 - o DM: (Laughter) Ouch. We can talk about that.
- Our biggest task is to go share this information. In our climate right now, we do better when our neighbors do better. We can capitalize on that energy right now. Staying on that positive note, not just looking at ourselves but aiming for ALL of us to do better. Let's lift everybody up. For those who ARE invested in PSD, will the failure of the Mill Levy to pass put the school closures back on the table?
 - o BK: Good news: enrollment is stable compared to last year, more high school students than anticipated. We need to look at all aspects of how our budget functions. We don't have to have that conversation in December. Comprehensive planning committee, look at it as a continuous movement. BK does not believe there will be a hard pivot in December if Mill Levy fails. There are 1 billion dollars of infrastructure needs with only 800k available.

- How did we get here? How are we so back logged?
 - o DM: It comes down to hard decisions that were made during other recessions. We went through significant budget cutting then. Tried to preserve staff and instruction best we could. We started cannibalizing the maintenance budget.
- Is there a process in place to better evaluate those needs?
 - o DM: yes. Continuing to make improvements in budget
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investments have been in curriculum and computers. We've had zero replacement for other needs. Schools are doing their own independent fundraising to make improvements, and that's not how we should be doing things. Need equitable solution/standard not dependent on zip code.

- Educating committee about mill levy vs bond is very important. Average FC person does not understand. Stress that in material.
 - o DM: Thanks
- Timnath Elementary is not ADA compliant. Discussions happening. What is plan for pumping money into schools where truly we need a new school?
 - o BK: That problem is here now. Weighing pros and cons. Need all schools to be ADA accessible. Other reality is PCA – Poudre Community Academy. Will require board conversation that can go back out to voters potentially for a bond. You are right in suggesting that is not evident in what was heard here tonight.
- trying to understand piece with Charter Schools. Once Mill Levy passes, what if more charter schools are added? Is there any oversight with how Charter Schools use the money?
 - o [REDACTED].
more money would move over to the charter schools. They still have the requirements that come with the Mill Levy.
- Would Charter Schools receive emergent needs funding?
 - o DM: If something were to happen, that's not our obligation. District does not have to fund that. We pass money through to them.