# CSDB Accountability Meeting

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### Meeting information:

November 3, 2021, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Lions Conference Room

### Facilitators:

David Holder, Kathy Emter

### Minutes:

Julie Cuccaro

### ASL Interpreters:

Laura Ramos, Ryan March

### Staff Attendees:

Sandy Fuentes, Kristen Huddleston, Tera Wilkins, Jennifer Wright,

**Parent/Guardian/Student Attendees:**

David Holder, Family Involvement Coordinator, & Aviana

Jessica Lee

## Introductions – David Holder

* David led welcome and introductions.

## Program Focus – Overview of Unified Improvement Plan:

* Tera Wilkins began the meeting by explaining the background of the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) in correlation with the CSDB Strategic Plan and Schoolwide Plan. The Strategic Plan is a 5-year plan which aligns with the UIP, which is a 1-year plan. Tera explained all Colorado schools are required to develop a UIP. Due to Covid, CDE extended the deadline, for the completed UIP, to October 15, 2021.
* Kristen reported on the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). Regarding Academic Tier 1, 2 new curriculums were implemented last year, and teacher are receiving continued training and support for that. Social-Emotional & Behavior Tier 1 started. Zones of Regulation, curriculum, was implemented and staff are being trained. New Preschool curriculum was introduced this year.
* Jennifer Wright reported on Post-Secondary Workforce Readiness. One area of focus, this year, are the new graduation requirements. Students must now demonstrate proficiency in Math and Reading before they can receive a diploma. Jen is part of a team, of staff, developing materials to share information about the new requirements, with students and parents. One avenue for students to meet this new requirement is by completing a Capstone project. Capstone projects allow alternate ways for CSDB to show student progress. This is the first-year seniors will be working on this. Seniors will still need to meet all their academic class credit requirements to graduate with a diploma or certificate of completion. In addition, as early as 8th grade, students work on their Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP) portfolios. ICAP particularly benefit students who are college-bound. Parents also have access to view their own students’ ICAP projects.
* Kathy Emter asked the group if they would like to see any changes pertaining to how the Accountability Meetings look. Is there anything they would like us to do differently? How can we encourage more parents, from all around the state, to participate? Tera explained the name “Accountability” must remain as it is tied to other requirements the school is required to meet. Kathy asked for any feedback or suggestions by winter break so ideas can be presented at the next meeting, in January.
* Kathy also mentioned we need to re-start the Parent-Staff Organization (PSO). We need to get information out to parents to build interest in participation. Jessica Lee mentioned we may be able to get support from the national Parent Teacher Association, for information and recommendations.
* Some interest was expressed, in having a Boy/Girl Scout Club or Brownie club, on campus. It will depend on the level of parent interest.

## Program Highlights

* The Chipotle fundraiser, for Goalball, was a huge success! Many students, parents, staff and alumni joined in to support the school.
* White Cane Day was a blast and a huge success for our students!
* Jen Wright explained that Covid affected students’ ability to work in the community last year. This year, we have 71% of Employability Center (EC) students working and more will start soon. 5 students are working at University of Colorado- Colorado Springs and others are working at various jobs throughout town. Jen will share a list of the employers.
* 6 new teachers have been hired, in the School for the Deaf! We have also filled 2 para vacancies but still have 3 positions vacant.
* Weekly Bulldog huddles, for students and staff, have been very positive!
* PLCs are set up for Elementary and Secondary groups. Using the framework of: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, problem solving, and Creativity.
* Fall sessions of the Little Language Learners, ages 0-3, was a huge success. Special thanks to Abby Killam for all her work planning and setting up the program. Also, a shout out to Jennifer McLellan and Emily Wojahn, from the Outreach department, for their time and support of the program. More thank you’s to Chun Sung Huang, Ryan March, and Jerima King, for their efforts as well.
* Smoky Bear was here and gave a presentation on fire safety.
* Students took a field trip to The Pumpkin Patch.
* After-school activities and athletics are taking place, on campus, again!
* Every Wednesday, the Outdoor Adventure Club (deaf elementary students) travel to local parks and playgrounds.
* Some students, from the School for the Blind, participate in a weekly walking/hiking club and go to places such as Garden of the Gods and Red Rock Canyon.
* Great Escapes Bible Club is hosted off-campus and a student-led Bible study happens every week.
* Student Body Government is up and running. They are currently doing the planning for Homecoming. Lots to prepare for!
* Seniors are starting to make plans for the Senior Trip.
* 14 students participated in Special Olympics and 10 students qualified for the regional competition, in Pueblo.
* The CSDB cafeteria is again serving dinner for students. The students really enjoyed cooking in the dorm; however, with sports practices and after school activities, the cafeteria is better able to provide meals around the student schedules.
* Basketball practice started last week.

## Upcoming Events and Announcements

* **November 5** – PRIDE Event Games & Activities
* **November 10** – Board of Trustees Meeting
* **December 3 & 4** – Homecoming. Activities will include Basketball, Goalball, Academic Bowl – CSDB vs. Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind.
* **Soon** – Safe-To-Tell presentations will be happening in the schools.
* **December 20 –** Winter Break begins

**Next Accountability Meeting will be February 2, 2022, 4:00pm – 5:30pm. In-person or Zoom Meeting TBD. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.**