

**DAC Meeting Minutes**  
**October 14, 2011**

**DAC Attendance...** Stacie Voskuil, Jim Sirks, Ben Laser, Jane Haudek, Nicole Malseed, Dirk VanDiver, Kylee Younce, Aimee Boyer, Rick McKire, Linda Stone, Barry Duckham, Emily Morales, Erin Bays, Michelle Herzing, Anna Brandes, Tim Everett, Scott Hall, Jerry Mueller, Jacob Emmons, Brayden Bennett, and Ed terSteeg.

The meeting began at 12:20. After introductions of the committee members, Ben Laser spoke about the purpose and responsibility of the District Advisory Committee. He indicated that the DAC is a Board of Education advisory committee. The focus this year was on parent and family involvement in education through partnerships to support increased student performance and success. Part of the DAC's responsibility was to conduct conversations regarding parent and community involvement, brainstorm ideas, and develop potential recommendations for Board of Education consideration and action. The plan is to submit recommendations to the Board of Education by April 2012.

The membership discussed the parent/family involvement goal and potential outcomes to be accomplished during the year. Please note the following:

- ✓ **DAC Goal** - Promote family involvement in education through partnerships between the schools, parents, other organizations, and community agencies to support increased student performance and success.
  
- ✓ **Outcomes** -
  - ❖ Through the eyes of parents, students, and educators, informally determine what good parent/family involvement looks like at the elementary, middle school, and high school.
  
  - ❖ Identify school options available to parents to be aware of academic expectations and monitor student progress...include strategies for students and parents to successfully transition from building to building and/or grade to grade.

- ❖ Reinforce effective communications between parents, students, and school.
- ❖ Increase families' awareness of education issues.
- ❖ Increase educators' awareness of the issues that impact family involvement for at-risk, minority, or hard-to-reach families.
- ❖ Understanding the role parents play as mentors to their student.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30. Please note the next meeting is **Wednesday, November 16**, at the CACC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed terSteege - Recording Secretary

DAC Meeting Agenda  
November 16, 2011  
CACCC - 475 East Roosevelt

- Working Lunch...12:00 to 12:20
- Reflection on the October 14, Meeting... 12:20 to 12:35
- Subcommittee Reports Regarding Data Collected
  - ✓ What does good parent/family involvement look like at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels?
    - Student perception
    - Parent perception
    - Teacher perceptions
- What Does The Michigan Department of Education Require Regarding Parent Involvement? - Jerry Mueller
- Closure...
  - ✓ January 18, Meeting Agenda
  - ✓ Next Steps
  - ✓ Personal preparation for the January meeting
- Adjournment

**District Commitment...To ensure all students are successful learners and become outstanding citizens.**