

District Accountability Meeting

Minutes for 1/19/2018

Session to discuss Unified Improvement Plan for Cresson Elementary

Attendance - Tim Krantz, Annie Durham, Jan Hannah, Kristen Riley, Matthew Baca, Brandie Larsen, Jo Hieda, Sheldon Bennett, Miriam Mondragon, Amy Christison, Erin Lohmeier, Dennis Jones

All school districts in the State of Colorado must submit Unified Improvement Plans to the state by the spring. These plans have been in place since 2009.

Cresson Elementary fell below the Performance level for the first time since 2011. They are in the Priority Improvement Level by .2%.

Miriam Mondragon, principal, outlined her goals to improve test scores, and also the challenges that she believes contributed to the drop in score.

She presented the DAC with data from the Colorado Dept of Education.

In her analysis she identified a few key areas that she believed had the greatest impact on our scores.

Mobility Rate - This is the amount of students who move in and out of our district during the year. We have a high mobility rate due to the casinos, and the mine. Both of these employ the greatest number of people in our district and tend to have the most mobile workforce.

Opt Out Rates - Even though the State claimed that parents opting their kids out of the State Testing would not be held against school districts, the families that not take the tests had some children that would have scored well. So this impacted our averages.

Math Scores - Math was the weakest area. Many teachers came to talk about the way that math scores could be improved. Including possibly more in class instruction time, leveling and having teachers teach by subject instead of grade level.

This is the beginning of the discussion of presenting the UPI to the State. There will be more info and Miriam will take into consideration the points made at the DAC meeting in her final draft.

The regular DAC meeting will be January 23rd, 2018.