



Garfield Re-2 School District Accountability



Vision

Encourage, nurture, and challenge every member of the learning community, preparing them for college, careers, and life.

Mission

Fostering trust, communication, and understanding between the district, families, and the community in support of our shared goals for the success of our students.

Meeting:	Garfield Re-2 School District Accountability Committee				
Date:	3.17.2026	Time	5:30 pm	Location:	Highland Elementary
Zoom:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81341823972?pwd=Y3R3VVg1K3A1V3czVzU0RmJOT2xuUT09				

5:30 - 5:45	Roll Call (Mely)
<u>Notes</u> • DAC Voting Member Attendance • Non-voting members: sign-in sheet • Approve minutes from Feb DAC meeting ○ Holly motions, Michele seconds, unanimous approval	
5:45 - 5:55	Parent Engagement - Bright Spots (Hanna)
<u>Notes</u> • RHS - big fundraiser brought in \$31k with Irish cookoff to fund students' trip to Europe • CRHS - bragging on Ben Kirk (Athletic Director), PI did an article on him recently • TWO upcoming parent engagement opportunities ○ Jared Cooney Horvath (neuroscientist) talk will focus on brain development and executive function ○ Events at RHS and CRHS on April 10 - please push this out! ○ This will include Spanish interpretation • Highland parents have donated over 90 pinatas to use during Field Day! • RHS - Booster Club donated over \$2000 to purchase new soccer uniforms • CRHS has all new hurdles for the track! And will host their own track meet AND the one that usually takes place in Grand Junction • March 30 at Highland - Assemblies and Parent Laugh & Lunch with Jeff Neeley(sp?) on anti-bullying • ECE - Spellathon had 37 kids bring in over \$250 each! • ECE - Mrs Green in the running for favorite teacher in America!! And if she wins, Bill Nye will come to the school ○ Anyone can vote!! • GME - PTO had raised \$5k for new drinking fountain and it's been installed and all the students were gifted a GME branded water bottle • KSE - new sound system has been installed - about \$12k funded by PTAC • KSE - had their first PTAC Retreat! Met at a parent's home for brunch and planned out calendar • Riverside hosts Family Fun Night - all current fundraising is going toward playground improvements (e.g. tree planting, shade structures, volleyball court, and new equipment) <u>Actions:</u> • Share the April 10 event (A Tour of Your Child's Brain) throughout the community!!	
5:55 - 6:25	I Love U Guys Crisis Management Practice (Theresa)
<u>Notes</u>	

- Hold: Something is happening at the school (Medical emergency, locker search, other reason the halls need to be empty) Typically not very long
 - Close and lock door, take attendance, business as usual
- Secure: Get inside, lock outside doors (e.g. police activity in the area, dangerous animal outside, etc.)
- Lockdown: Locks, lights, out of sight
 - There is a threat in the school
 - Interior doors locked, will not open door for anyone
 - People outside run to predetermined location
- Evacuate: gas leak, sewer, fire, police led
 - Teachers lead evac to specific location, account for everyone, check for medical issues
- Shelter in Place
 - Can be triggered by natural disasters (tornado, blizzard, wildfire, etc.)
 - Enact relevant safety procedures
 - FYI - bomb threats trigger a shelter in place until it is confirmed
- Safe-To-Tell program
 - Anonymous way to report unsafe behavior or help someone who is struggling
 - 1-877-542-7233 (answered by dispatch center)
 - <https://safe2tell.org>
 - Every report is investigated
 - Report goes to Theresa Hamilton, Jenny Nipper, Amanda Vaughn, and respective school team
- At least one drill a month in each school
- Drill and purpose is announced in advance
- If there is a lockdown and a reunification protocol is initiated, parents will be instructed where to go and will need to bring an ID
- Staff badges have all the i love u guys protocols on the back
- Annual staff training is standard
- Clipboards in every room with protocols
- What about kids in bathrooms or in transition? Safest place is behind a fire-rated door. Try to get into any classroom. If that's not an option, kids are instructed to hide in a stall and climb up on the toilet. Or run.

Actions:

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6:25 -6:45

All Your Grant Questions (Simone)

Notes

- Consider: what is the purpose of the grant and is it intended for a district, school, or a department and are qualifications met
- Allocation: typically one of two ways - a lump sum or funds per pupil
- Does the BEST grant cover transit/buses?
 - BEST funds tiers. Safety is top tier and needs are so high, they have only ever allocated to tier 1.
 - Re2 has used these funds for cameras, for example
 - BEST funds come from marijuana tax revenue
- In general, funding is allocated on a per pupil basis
- Title I funds allocated per pupil based on socioeconomic ranking of school
- Suggestion to explore GRIT grants in Rifle - is the school district eligible?
 - Follow up: No, GRIT grants are for nonprofits housed in Rifle
- Could PTAs pool resources via a shared spreadsheet or similar to share knowledge?
- Gofundme is an option (include a video!)
- If your school is in search of funding for a specific need (e.g. new carpet) search for any and every grant opportunity and contact Simone for support to apply
- It is difficult to find public information on how money is allocated and what are the differences in funding for different schools within the district?

○ Simone can share details directly ○ This is an area where the district intends to make some improvements and have more info available on their website ● When Jason Lynch (District's Director of Finance) does his annual presentation, DAC has the opportunity to make recommendations <u>Actions:</u> ● Spread the word that everyone needs to fill out the CEP (sent home at the beginning of each year with every student) form regardless of income and ability to provide ○ It was a little ambiguous this past year, but next year there will be clear messaging to parents ○ How can we connect with parents with uncertain immigration status who are avoiding filling out the forms out of concern for potential repercussions so they know it is safe? This will be something to explore before next school year.	
6:45 - 7:05	DAC Onboarding (Mely and Hanna)
<u>Notes</u> ● Table this due to lack of time - place on April agenda <u>Actions:</u> ●	
7:05 - 7:25	District Financial Update: Exploring Mill Levy and Bond Measures (Kirk)
<u>Notes</u> ● Thursday night (March 19) is the next District Financial Meeting ○ 6-7:30pm at the District Office in Rifle ● State deficit will have a significant impact on funding for public schools ● District has been going through a process to explore options for putting mill levy and bond measures on the 2026 ballot ● Mill levy funds can go toward salaries ● Bond funds are for capital projects ● Ballot language is very restrictive and that can harm chances of ballot box success ● Community discussions offer insight on what is of value to voters ○ 3 main options: teacher/staff housing, Career pathways, and construction of early childhood center run by Re2 ● District has focused on attrition and redistribution of staff in order to avoid cutting positions ● Next State financial forecast will be released on March 19 <u>Actions:</u> ● Attend District Financial Meeting on March 19 and share the invite throughout the community	
7:25 - 7:30	Wrap Up/Next Steps (Hanna)
<u>Notes</u> ● Next DAC meeting April 21, 5:30pm at Rifle Middle School <u>Actions:</u> ● Who is presenting at School Board meeting (if needed) ○ Brandi will present!	

Resources

- [2025-2026 DAC Meeting Dates](#)
- [DAC/SAC Monthly Agenda Summary](#)
- ZOOM Link:
- [Latinos in Re2 Meeting Dates](#)
- [DAC Bylaws adopted \(1\)](#)

- [DAC Accomplishments](#)



Comité de Rendición de Cuentas del Distrito

Visión

Animar, apoyar y motivar a cada miembro de la comunidad educativa, preparándolos para la universidad, la vida profesional y la vida en general.

Misión

Fomentar la confianza, la comunicación y el entendimiento entre el distrito, las familias y la comunidad para apoyar nuestros objetivos comunes para el éxito de nuestros estudiantes.

Reunion:	Comité de Rendición de Cuentas del Distrito				
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5:30 - 5:45	Lista de Presentes (Mely)
<u>Notas</u> - Asistencia de miembros con derecho a voto del DAC - Miembros sin derecho a voto: hoja de registro <u>Acciones</u>	
5:45 - 5:55	Participación de los padres - Ejemplos destacados (Hanna)
<u>Notas</u> <u>Acciones</u>	
5:55 - 6:25	Los amo, chicos. Práctica de gestión de crisis (Theresa)
<u>Notas</u> <u>Acciones</u>	
6:25 - 6:45	Todas tus preguntas sobre subvenciones (Simone)
<u>Notas</u> ¡Ven con preguntas! <u>Acciones:</u>	

6:45- 7:05	Incorporación al DAC (Mely y Hanna)
<u>Notas</u> <u>Acciones</u>	
7:05 - 7:25	Actualización financiera del distrito: Análisis de las medidas de impuestos y bonos (Kirk)
<u>Notas</u> <u>Acciones:</u>	
7:25 - 7:30 Resumen/Próximos pasos (Hanna)	
<u>Notas</u> - Próxima reunión del DAC: 21 de abril a las 17:30 h, Rifle Middle School <u>Acciones:</u>	

Recursos

- Fechas de las reuniones del DAC 2025-2026
- Resumen de la agenda mensual del DAC/SAC
- Enlace de ZOOM:
- Fechas de las reuniones de Latinos en Re2
- Estatutos del DAC adoptados (1)
- Logros del DAC