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| CSDB Accountability Meeting | | | |
| 11.2.2016 | | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. | Lions Building |
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| Facilitators | Jon Vigne, Melissa Shular | | |
| Minutes | Julie Cuccaro | | |
| Interpreter | Hillary Spahnle and guest | | |
| Attendees | Cathy Bennett, Amy Bobich, Kathy Emter, Tera Lynn Gray, Carol Hilty, Kristen Huddleston, Cara Johnson, Cody Kerekes, Jamie Lugo, Aimee Twaddle, Tera Wilkins, Emily Wojahn | | |
| Introduction/Review of Minutes – Melissa Shular | | | |
| * Melissa led welcome and introductions. * Reviewed Accountability minutes from October 5, 2016. No changes were indicated. | | | |
| Program Highlights – School for the Blind and School for the Deaf | | | |
| Discussion |  | | |
| **School for the Blind Program Highlights – Reported by Aimee Twaddle and Jamie Lugo**   * Aimee reported students participated in a hiking trip to Red Rock Canyon. Participants will try to schedule this again, in the spring. * Goalball team played two scrimmages against Pikes Peak Christian, and all students loved it. Jon mentioned CSDB goalball to other Directors, during his recent regional Directors meeting, and several expressed an interest in having their high schools participate. Carol would like to get this set up, this year, if possible. * White Cane Day event occurred, October 14, in Acacia Park. Two local news stations covered the event. Special thank you to all staff who helped make this a success! * Nine teams, consisting of 82 staff, are participating in the Bulldog Health Challenge. * Jamie reported the CSDB Bulldog Band was selected to play for the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB), Annual Convention, December 9, at the Broadmoor Hotel. * Several students attended the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) State Convention and participated in a variety of activities. * Nine families, from the School for the Blind, attended the CSDB Fall Festival, October 13. Activities included storytelling, family crafts, and a costume parade. * Parent-Teacher Conferences occurred October 20 and 21. 61% of families, from the School for the Blind, attended. | | | |
| **Family-Centered Early Education Program Highlights – Reported by Amy Bobich & Emily Wojahn**   * Twelve families participated in the CSDB Fall Festival. Activities included storytelling and a costume parade. * Students, in grades K-2, took a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch. * Amy reported family ASL classes start next week, for students age 8 or under. Many families have already signed up, and some are on a waiting list. * Students are learning about other countries and cultures and just finished a “Me & My World” project. In addition, some students learned about farming and food production. * Amy reported we have new ASL assessments and new curriculum. * Tera Wilkins reported 26 out of 27 families participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences.   **School for the Deaf Program Highlights – Reported by Kristen Huddleston and Cathy Bennett**   * Cathy reported very positive feedback, from parents, during Parent-Teacher Conferences. 54% of high school families attended. * Representatives, from Gallaudet and Rochester Institute of Technology, provided two workshops, for families of high school students. * Several students will be attending the CASB Conference, December 9-10. * Kristen reported Parent-Teacher Conferences went very well. Most of the feedback was positive. 72% of families, with students grades 3-8, attended. * Week of October 17, designated students, grades K-8, took the DRA progress monitoring assessment. Data is being distributed to teachers, to help guide instruction. * October 20, students, in grades 5-8, presented their Science Fair projects. Students did a fantastic job, and there was great parent turn-out. * Todd Czubek and Kristin DiPerri, from Boston University, facilitated a literacy training for School for the Deaf staff. The plan is to implement a new literacy program, specific to students who are deaf, in the classrooms. * Students, in grades 6-8, were involved in experiential learning activities. Students were assigned roles and, as a team, learned to cooperate to solve various problems. Students, in grades 3-5, learned about the concept of virtual tours, in order to access a variety of locations and sights using technology. In addition, students began their own virtual tour project, of CSDB campus and buildings. * Students participated in the CSDB Fall Festival. Activities included ASL poetry and Halloween costumes. Students had a lot of fun. | | | |

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| Review of 2016-2017 Schoolwide Plan | |
| Discussion |  |
| **School Culture and Climate – Reported by Kathy Emter and Cara Johnson**  **Strategy #1,** Behavior data will be recorded and used across campus -   * Office Discipline Reports (ODRs) have been re-designed, and all departments have been trained how to use the new electronic form. * The discipline flow chart has been updated. * Administrative Assistants will be given a refresher training, regarding how to enter data into the database.   **Strategy #2,** Increase bullying awareness -   * The counseling team is refining the bullying procedures, as well as creating consistent discipline responses for varying levels of bullying. Data will be shared with administrators. * A bullying survey was distributed to high school students, in the School for the Deaf. Results are being tallied. Workshops will be developed to address specifically identified issues. * In the School for the Deaf high school, a two-part bullying workshop was completed. Middle school students will participate in similar workshops this week. Workshops for students, in grades 3-5, are in progress. Topics include social skills, coping skills, advocacy skills and friendship skills. * Elementary and middle school students are involved with the Second Step social skills curriculum. A bullying and harassment prevention program, Expect Respect, is also being integrated into the Second Step curriculum. * Secondary students, in the School for the Blind, had one workshop on bullying, and another is being planned. All elementary students are working on the Second Step Bully Prevention unit, within their social skills classes. * High school students will meet to discuss the Kindness Club. Students will be working to demonstrate kindness, on the CSDB campus, and will also be doing community service activities. | |

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| **School Events and Upcoming Announcements** |
| * Employability Center theme for November is Ethics. Students will participate in “what would you do?” scenarios, across campus. * **Nov. 4 –** Low vision clinic. * **Nov. 4 -** Social Media Training for Bridges to Life students. * **Nov. 7 –** Eligible students will be at the Independence Center to vote. The Independence Center is open to all individuals, with disabilities, and provides interpreters, large print ballots, and voice-activated voting cards. Local media will be there, to cover the event. Carol emphasized CSDB does not influence how students vote on each issue. * **Nov.** **9 -** Walter Von Felt will be presenting, to dorm students, regarding motivation and leadership. * **Nov.** **9 –** Parent Staff Organization (PSO) meeting. * **Nov. 10 –** Board of Trustees meeting. * **Nov.** **11 –** Field trip to Denver Aquarium. * **Nov. 12 –** Girls on the Run 5K event. The event takes place, at 10:00am, in the America the Beautiful park. * **Nov. 12 –** Audio description training. 24 staff will participate in the training. Due to an overwhelming response from staff, many more are on a waiting list. * **Nov. 16 –** Colorado Center for the Blind mentoring program. * **Nov. 17 –** Annual Thanksgiving lunch, in the CSDB cafeteria. Families are invited to join their students for lunch. * **Nov. 21 – 25 –** Thanksgiving Break. * **Dec. 1 –** Middle school boys basketball home game. |

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| **Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.**  **Next Accountability Meeting will be December 7, 2016, 5:00-6:30pm, in the Lions Building.** |  |  |