Accountability Committee Meeting

July 8, 2013 Report Card Review

Chair Gunlock called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Chairman then called for a motion to approve the June 10th Accountability Committee meeting minutes. Mrs. Terhar motioned, Dr. Smith seconded the motion, and all committee members voted in agreement to accept the June 10th minutes.

Tina Thomas-Manning announced that ODE staff will present the K-3 Literacy component and supporting data to the committee in August.

Mike Carmack and Chris Woolard presented the 2013-14 report card. Beginning with the Progress page, Chris pointed out the narrative text, the addition of a brief description about each student group, and a bubble chart indicating where each grade is in relation to the other. Mrs. Terhar noted that a light grid would be helpful under the bubble chart. The Gap Closing page provides a high-level overview, looking at Reading, Math and Graduation Rate. Colored bar charts indicate how each group is performing against others. Mrs. Terhar inquired as to simplifying the color-coding in order to make the page more user-friendly. The Achievement page shows performance indexes and indicators, with district comparison data going back five years, with the ability to drill down by grade level and review trends over time. The Graduation Rate component will allow comparisons with similar districts and the capability to analyze trends over time. A district overview page shows demographics, superintendent information, and other important data such as enrollment, student mobility, teacher data, and other information that does not fit naturally somewhere else. Chris explained that this year's report card will include a link for more information on the measures that are not on this report card. A clickable button for financial data will be included in next year's report card. Parent focus groups have expressed approval of the design, and educator feedback from the field points to excitement with data-comparison capabilities. Tina Thomas-Manning and committee members commended Chris, Mike and their teams for the work they have done.

Chair Gunlock adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Collins and second by Mrs. Terhar.