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Note: The meeting date has changed to Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Truty also said recent team-building discussions and interviews with Peak Leadership and the four TLMFPD chief officers have helped him see some things he is doing that have contributed to lack of leadership, or faith, or

trust, and it was very eye-opening to him. He said these discussions next will include all the staff. See www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#tlmfpd.

The meeting went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to confer with employment counsel for the district to answer specific legal questions and provide legal advice on an employment matter.

(This was despite the fact that the Chicago Cubs were playing in Game Two of the World Series at that time!) No announcements or votes were made after the executive session, said Office Administrator Jennifer Martin.

Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of each month.

However, the next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 in the Monument Town Hall at 645 Beacon Lite Road. For information, contact Jennifer

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District Accountability Advisory Committee, Oct. 11

Committee sets calendar, discusses charge and teacher evaluations

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) discussed the calendar for its meetings, the committee charge, and the teacher evaluation process at its Oct. 11 meeting.

Meeting schedule

The committee will meet three more times in the 2016-17 school year. It will meet in January, February, and April at various locations. The February meeting will move from Feb. 14 to Feb. 7 to avoid conflict with Valentine's Day. During other months, the co-chairmen of the committee and members of the district administration will meet with various building committees to discuss unified improvement plans before their approval at the April meeting.

The committee consists of two co-chairs, a board liaison, an administration liaison, and representatives of parents and teachers from each district school.

Those attending were reminded that although the meetings are held in public they are not public meetings and only members have a vote.

Committee charge

The charge for the committee had its first reading at the Sept. 1 meeting of the district Board of Education.

Elements of the charge include:

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- Facilitate communication among district committees and the board by providing a forum for reports from the Special Education Advisory Council and Gifted Education Leadership Team.
- Generate or participate on task forces created to pursue student learning ends related to the district's strategic vision.
- Facilitate accreditation of schools by monitoring schools via Unified Improvement Plans.
- Assist the board in community engagement through educating the community on public policy issues, participating in Education Summits with the board, and reviewing and providing input to the board concerning feasibility of charter applications.
- Consult with the board as to the fairness, effectiveness, and professional quality of the licensed personnel performance evaluation system.
- Advise the board regarding budget priorities.

The committee engaged in a lengthy discussion of the charge. Several members said that they wished to learn about the details of the teacher evaluation and budgeting processes and would

be better able to take action on these measures knowing that they were well informed.

The committee voted to cre-

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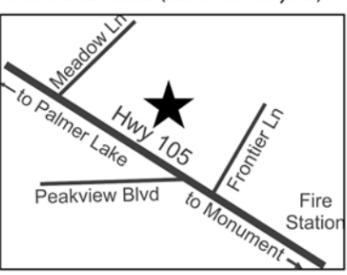


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