



## DAC Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/18/19, 5:30pm

Location: KCPS BOE Building

### **Demonte Rochester, DAC Chair**

- Welcomed everyone
- Theme of meeting is “Empowerment”
- Introduced Dr. Mark Bedell

### **KCPS Superintendent Dr. Bedell**

- He wants to see our community, our parents, and our students empowered
- Hopes the DAC meetings will grow to the point the meetings will have to move to a larger venue
- Talked about the 2018-2023 five year Strategic Plan for KCPS and succeeding in alignment of that Plan with his cabinet and staff
- There are some teacher vacancies remaining such as art and music, but other surrounding districts are facing similar challenges
- Challenges facing KCPS include:
  - Reaching the 90/90 attendance goal, needs family support to get students to school
  - Student transportation is better, but still needs improved
  - Perception of the district, we are not the district of 10 years ago
- We need to develop consistency to insure our scholars thrive and we’ll teach them how to advocate for themselves
- The new KCPS Student District Advisory Committee is having its first meeting today

### **KCPS Family Empowerment Zone- Courtney Adams, Family and Community Outreach Coordinator**

- The new family empowerment center is housed within Central High School
- If schools need materials for their own parent rooms, just contact Courtney and she can provide some materials
- This new space at Central will also provide screenings and training opportunities for vendors
- Provided 3 handouts
  - Procedure to speak to the Board of Education (see *Attachment A*)
  - Fostering Success at Home flyer (see *Attachment B*)
  - Save the Date flyer for Oct 18<sup>th</sup> training on “Reframing Family Engagement for School and District Leaders (see *Attachment C*)
- The center will also provide family needs such as towels and toiletries for families, donations of supplies are welcomed



**Parent Education and Empowerment Center- Jauqua Wilkins, Urban League of Greater KC Vice President of Programs and Operations**

- Offices located at 1710 Paseo
- The Urban League provides many services and will go to the school to advocate for students
- She provided a flyer on their Parent Education and Empowerment Center (PEEC, see *Attachment D*)

**Justice in the Schools- Cori Smith, Legal Aid of Western MO Project Director**

- They are a KCPS Partner, website <https://www.kcpublicschools.org/justice>
- Started a Pilot Program in Sept. 2018
- Goal is to stabilize families and students thru legal assistance
- Primary area of assistance is helping families with housing and eviction issues, but they do many additional types of assistance
- Slideshow presentation “*Justice in Schools Presentation\_Final (1).pptx*” (file on DAC minutes webpage)
- Contact info: Phone 816-418-2061, csmith@lawmo.org

**KCPS Technology Resources- Joe Phillips, Director of Technology**

- Departments Vision is “To be the best ever IT department”
- Slideshow presentation “*KCPS IT DAC Presentation 9\_18\_2019.pptx*” (file on DAC minutes webpage)
- They are intent on training teachers to use the technology they roll out putting instruction first
- They will also train students, staff, and parents how to utilize various aspects of the technology
- They have established a replacement schedule for various pieces of technology to assure budget needs are in place
- “Lightspeed Relay” is used to track how users are using the new technology and will be rolled out in the next few weeks
- IT Firewalls have been updated
- Meeting participant asked for parents to receive training on how to use Tyler effectively
- Meeting participant asked about the weak wi-fi signal in the BOE building and he indicated that is in the process of being addressed by vendors adding signal repeaters and boosters
- Meeting participant also asked for enhancements to Tyler to push additional info out to students and parents, Mr. Phillips indicated they will suggest this to the vendor for Tyler

**Starting PTA/PTSA in your school- Christine Kent, Missouri PTA Vice President of Field Services and Susan Gruber, Missouri PTA President**

- All PTA officers are volunteers, no paid staff
- They are national education advocates, whereas PTOs only deal with district level issues
- The MO PTA will be chairing an important State of Missouri Education Committee



- Slideshow presentation “*Revised starting a PTA unit FEB 2019.pptx*” (file on DAC minutes webpage)

**Junior Achievement (JA) - Kate Hood, JA of Greater KC Senior Program Manager**

- JA empowers students to be financially successful and literate
- They partner with community volunteers to bring their program into the schools such as “JA in a Day”, a one to two day training event
- They take students to actual job sites and sponsor college career fairs
- In the Fall of 2020 they will be opening a new site called “JA Biztown” that will fill the void created when “Exchange City” closed about three years ago

**DAC Survey and closing remarks**

- Demonte reminded everyone to fill out the DAC Survey and turn it in to him
- The survey will help DAC identify topics for future meetings

**Meeting Adjourned**

## Attachment A

# Procedure to speak during the School Board's Regular Monthly Business Meeting



*Notice this procedure was updated on September 24, 2013*

- Contact the Office of Board Services no less than five calendar days before the Regular Monthly Business Meeting (normally the fourth Wednesday of the month) by calling (816) 418-7621 or via email at [board@kcpublicschools.org](mailto:board@kcpublicschools.org).
- Upon reaching the Board Secretary, request that you are placed on the "public comments" section of the agenda.
- The Board Secretary will ask if there's a specific topic that you wish to address. This query allows her to make the agenda more transparent by adding that information to the agenda. Please make sure you include your name, address, phone number and topic.
- Once you are confirmed to speak, attend that meeting. It is suggested that you arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. to ensure you have a seat in the auditorium. Note: Only confirmed speakers are allowed to address the Board.
  - A maximum of 10 speakers total per public comments period, per a single regular business meeting, is allowed. The slots are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. This provision is designed in the interest of time and respect for attendees and participants.
- When the Board reaches the "public comments" section of the agenda, wait until the Board Chair or his/her designee calls you to the podium.
- During your commentary, the following rules are in effect:
  - Each speaker is strictly limited to three (3) minutes of commentary.
  - Speakers may cede their time to a third-party at the discretion of the Board Chair, although this is strongly discourage.
  - Speakers may provide the Board with written handouts that support their commentary.
  - Commentary must be acceptable for a business and family-friendly environment: No cursing, inappropriate references or gestures, or personal attacks will be tolerated. Enforcement of this provision is at the discretion of the Board Chair.
  - Please note that the Board generally will not respond to questions or comments. The Board views this part of the agenda as a listening period. In rare cases, the Board will allow a speaker to extend their time. The Board Chair will take a short, voice poll of the Board at the conclusion of a speaker's time, if requested, when considering such a request.
  - The Message Cube is also available during all meetings. This gives the public a chance to ask questions that are not on the confirmed agenda. Please call (816) 213-0997 during the meeting.



**Attachment B**

# FOSTERING SUCCESS AT HOME



## FAMILY EMPOWERMENT CENTER AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Kansas City Public Schools recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by parents, families, schools, and the community. Strong partnerships between these support systems is essential to improve schools, student well-being and academic achievement.

The Family Empowerment Center helps families build the skills and capacity to promote their children's development and be involved partners in learning, creates strong family-school relationships and fosters a connected community. Located within Central's Family Empowerment Wing, the center provides access to and information about resources and programs that support student success, promote learning and help families thrive.

### Amenities...

- Resource Library
- Training/Meeting Space
- Kids Zone Area
- Computer and Internet Access
- Student Supplies (limited)

The Family Empowerment Center is open to all KCPS families!

### Central High School - Room 106

3221 Indiana Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64128  
face@kcpublicschools.org  
816-418-7455

### Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
For assistance outside of walk-in hours,  
please contact us to schedule an  
appointment.

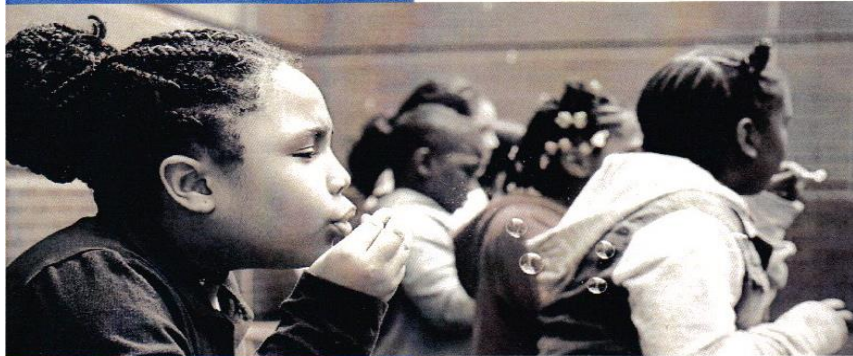
For more information, contact us or visit: [kcpublicschools.org/FEC](https://kcpublicschools.org/FEC)



**Attachment C**



# DEPARTMENT OF ENGAGEMENT



## OFFICES

Office of Family and Community  
Engagement (FaCE)

Office of Partners in Education (PIE)

Office of Parents as Teachers (PAT)

## VISION

The department will creatively and effectively engage with our diverse community in a timely manner to support the academic, social and emotional development of our students. We will advocate for systemic equity throughout KCPS.

## MISSION

- Radiate possibility while actively promoting our strengths
- Connect students and families with valuable community resources via strong partnerships
- Build bridges that foster transparent two-way communication
- Promote and provoke critical- thinking that ensures equitable solutions

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

*The Office of Family and Community Engagement (FaCE) strives to improve student outcomes by building family and school staff capacity to make school environments welcoming, to strengthen two-way communication, to facilitate and encourage respectful interactions and to increase shared power and responsibility (family, student voice amplified and respected). Additionally, FaCE supports KCPS schools in the implementation of school-based activities that impact student and school achievement in outreach and engagement.*

## SAVE THE DATE!

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Friday, October 18, 2019, 11:00am-2:00pm (lunch provided)**

Board of Education - Westport Room

*For BOE Leadership and Administrators; School Leaders; Lead Teaching Staff*

#### Reframing Family Engagement for School and District Leaders

This foundational training covers the building blocks for elevated family engagement. Through interactive experiential activities, participants examine action team membership, review the research on family engagement explore effective family-school partnerships, and reflect on their core belief: for family engagement. To extend the learning, school/ District teams will complete an assessment of how families are currently welcomed into their school/District.

#### Learning Objectives

1. Participants will assess current home-school partnerships in order to gauge readiness for reframing family engagement practices.
2. Participants will begin to align organizational systems and structures toward unified family engagement goals.
3. Participants will identify and develop current systems and structures for measuring impact of family engagement.

**Register on My Learning Plan or contact Courtney Adams**  
([cadams1@kcpublicschools.org](mailto:cadams1@kcpublicschools.org))



**Attachment D**

**THE URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY  
PARENT EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT CENTER**

**ENROLL TODAY!**



**FREE 1-ON-1 COACHING AND CONSULTING**

The Urban League's Parent Education & Empowerment Center (PEEC) equips K-12 parents with the necessary skills and resources to serve as engaged advocates throughout their child's academic journey.

**Parent Empowerment Coaches and legal consultants assist with:**

- Parent-teacher conferences and school meetings
- Special Education support services, including IEPs and 504 Plans
- School discipline issues
- School choice decisions
- Referral services, including housing and emergency assistance
- Access to ULKC's employment assistance, economic empowerment, digital literacy, and youth programs

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ENROLL, CONTACT:  
THE URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY | 816-471-0550