



## DAC Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023

6:30pm-8:30pm

### Meeting Logistics:

Jessica Bassan - **Present**  
Irene Borisov - **Present**  
Brian Domokos - **Present**  
Julie Gooden - **Present**  
Kelly Pointer - **Present**  
Becky Krug - **Present**  
Lisa Loomer - **Present**  
Katie Lynch - **Present**  
Melody Mathews - Absent  
Allison Fox - Absent  
Ashley Opfer - **Present**  
Kelly Pointer - **Present**  
Chester Shaw - **Present**  
Valerie Thompson - **Present**  
Jen Spykerman - **Present**  
Sammye Wheeler-Clouse - **Present**  
Jenny Brown - **Present**  
Kate Welsh - Excused

Quorum: Quorum is met 15 voting members present

Matt Reynolds, Learning Services Officer - Present

Susan Meek, Board of Education Director - Present

Becky Myers, Board of Education Director - Present

Guest in attendance: 6 (this does not include DAC and DCSD staff and board members)

Came to Order at 6:36

Total Attendance 23

1. Welcome - Chester
  - a. Minutes from June
    - i. Kelly Pointer made the motion to approve
    - ii. Becky Krug 2nd
    - iii. All agreed
2. Chester - Chair Report
  - a. Welcome

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- b. DAC Bylaws
    - i. Chester passed out hard copies of the DAC bylaws
  - c. Subcommittee Assignments - Lisa will send out an email so people can select themselves. The list of subcommittees includes:
    - i. Budget
    - ii. By-Laws
    - iii. CART
    - iv. Communications
    - v. Forum/Expo Event Planning
    - vi. KB Policy Review
    - vii. Membership
    - viii. Parent Engagement
  - d. DAC resources and norms
    - i. End on time
    - ii. Be engaged and listen
    - iii. Come prepared and informed--read through emails first
    - iv. Turn nametag sideways to make note you are waiting to speak
    - v. Audience - public comment forms are on the table so we can plan for time
  - e. Bond/MLO
    - i. DAC will work on a Resolution
      - 1. Use 2022 draft as a base
      - 2. Get it ready for Aug 31 meeting to vote
      - 3. Exclude staff in vote and in cc of resolution being emailed by Kelly ahead of vote
  - f. Election of Officers
    - i. Secretary (role call and minutes), Communications (emails to SACs, etc), Co-Chair (assist Chair and other Officers), Chair (Chairs the meetings and shares meeting info to DAC)
    - ii. Can nominate self or be nominated
    - iii. Secretary
      - 1. Brian has been nominated by Lisa
        - a. Brian accepted
    - iv. Irene made a motion to keep remainder officers in their same positions.
      - a. Lisa is willing to stay Co-Chair
      - b. Chester is willing to stay Chair
      - c. Kelly is willing to stay in Communications
    - 2. 2nd by Brian
    - 3. All agree, no opposed
3. Board of Education Liaison Report
  - a. Dir Meek
    - i. At the July 31st retreat, the Board members had some disagreements around whether the DAC should proceed with its work on KB Policy recommendations
      - 1. Key points made during the retreat:

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- a. President Peterson suggested that the DAC focus on providing input on another policy this year, ADD – Safe Schools, because the MLO language calls out: INCREASE AND MAINTAIN SCHOOL SECURITY SUPPORT, SUCH AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS;
      - i. What is our community’s expectations around the physical safety of our schools?
    - b. President Peterson also suggested another focus for the year being that the DAC build stronger relationships with SACs. He reiterated that the KB Policy is not up for review for two years and that it would further frustrate the DAC to work on recommendations when the policy is not up for review.
    - c. Other Board directors mentioned that ignoring the work that has already been done by the DAC subcommittee and ignoring the motion that we would include DAC feedback on the KB policy would only further frustrate the DAC members.
  - 2. Dir. Meek reminded us of the previous year’s focuses for guidance and requested that we identify this year’s priorities. ADD policy is given to DAC for feedback
- b. Dir Myers
  - i. MLO/Bond Kickoff
    - 1. Good turnout
  - ii. DCYI - Oct has a youth congress event
  - iii. Attended Windcrest event on funding
  - iv. CR Chamber meeting on funding
  - v. CR Town Council on funding
  - vi. Town of CR event turning over Cantrell Bldg
  - vii. DCHS - she attended for Back to School Night
  - viii. SAG Kickoff next week.
  - ix. Douglas County Community Foundation - Sept 21
    - 1. Event that needs 15 student volunteers
    - 2. Foundation raises money
- c. Question for DAC on what they want to focus on
  - i. Would like clarity on SAC communication since that’s what we already do.
  - ii. How are we getting around DAC statute that requires DAC feedback?
  - iii. Why prioritize CART when we are not consulted and votes aren’t counted?
  - iv. Why are we implementing a policy that state law requires DAC to be involved in revisions/creation?
    - 1. No clarity from statue given
    - 2. DAC has a history of being involved in policies revisions and then cut out this year

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- v. Comments were made indicating frustration that DAC members have sacrificed a lot of time and that this is a difficult topic where it's frustrating that the input is ignored.
- vi. Another comment was made by a member who was at the retreat, who said comments were made by board members that DAC "overstepped" when it came to CART and KBB. Another comment was made about board committees weaponizing committees against the board and recalled that the consensus was that KB passed therefore there is no work to do by the DAC
- vii. Matt volunteered to send out the 2022-2023 resolution from last year for DAC to review to guide this year's resolution
- viii. A comment was made that it seems like a search for a loophole that doesn't help with transparency
- ix. Another question about how policy can be ignored for two years and it's upsetting to hear a request for parent engagement but not have it listened to.
- x. A comment that discusses priorities seems shallow because it doesn't feel like it will be listened to. This comment was seconded. There was a concern that the majority of board members ran on a platform of listening to parents but is now ignoring the parent board.
- xi. Another comment offered priorities for DAC on bullying and racism as well as equity--implementing the Equity policy, etc
- xii. A comment gave some feedback on the history of the CART and concern that this hasn't always been the case. With a Bond/Mill on the ballot, transparency and trust are necessary for us to push.
- xiii. Kelly Pointer gave a review/context of why the DAC is frustrated with the board over the KBB policy. Ashley Opfer gave context of the CART frustration.
- xiv. A comment was also made that it's a waste of time for DAC members if it will be ignored.
- xv. The lack of trust in the BoE means less votes for MLO/Bond which is devastating to staff
- xvi. Something needs to be done to restore trust to keep teacher
- xvii. We need to provide solution to the situation and recommend ideas to the BoE
- xviii. On priorities for DAC focus, who decides? - BoE

#### 4. Matt Reynolds's Staff Update

- a. New DAC member training (July 13 - 6:30 - 7:30)
  - i. Darcy offered to come back anytime
- b. 2023-24 DAC Calendar
- c. SAC Regional Training (September, 6-7:30pm)
  - i. 9/7/23 - MRMS
  - ii. 9/14/23 - LHS
  - iii. 9/20/23 - CVHS

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- d. Forum - Career Pathway EXPO - October 26, 2023, Legacy Campus
5. Chester brought up the idea of a few virtual meetings.
  - a. Choosing two dates in case of a weather issue, we have room for another
  - b. April and June with the 3rd date flexible
6. Matt Reynolds led an Assessment Update
  - a. Some changes include online testing in for PSAT and SAT
    - i. This will change the experience for students taking the test; which will be interesting to see the impact
  - b. CMAS Science
    - i. This is included in performance framework
  - c. Social Studies may be administered again in Elementary and middle school
    - i. This is not included in performance framework
  - d. Matt handed out Anticipated Framework Changes, a handout from the CDE and identified some changes
  - e. We should expect data on the performance framework next meeting. The dates for making and presenting recommendations as well as for when the plans will be submitted to CDE were given.
7. The Educator Effectiveness Update led by Dr. Deanne Kirby was delayed a meeting, but a handout from the CDE titled "Educator Effectiveness Legislative Update: Senate Bill 22-070 Overview" was given about some of the evaluation changes
8. Chester Shaw led Public Comment. No comments were given.
9. Kelly Pointer led Parent Engagement (KB) Update
  - a. She handed out copies of the KB Subcommittee's proposed policy and reviewed the process of its creation. (An email was sent containing all this information one week in advance of our meeting.)
  - b. Two separate emails were sent to the board and no responses were given.
  - c. Comments were made supporting getting rid of the parent's rights section and how that may feel more collaborative. Support was voiced for the timeline and the clear methodology. Another comment was made that 75-90% (estimation) simply used the CASB as their policy but this committee wanted to do more.
  - d. Question was asked what the subcommittee would do if the Board didn't have this a priority.
    - i. One subcommittee member said we continue and follow state statute
    - ii. Another voiced concern that the subcommittee has reached out multiple times but hasn't heard back and expressed hope that it'd be more collaborative with the Board.
    - iii. A new DAC member expressed concern that people are so frustrated with this and asked the School Board Liasons how they can help move us forward.
      1. Director Meek, as one board member, recommended public comment at the next board meeting and volunteered to advocate for a work session to give the KB policy drafted by the DAC a work session that would include DAC members.

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2. Director Myers expressed that, at the retreat, she took ownership of her mistake. Director Myers also supported the use of public comment.
  - iv. A DAC member expressed frustration that a Board member liaison doesn't seem to trust us. The Board member offered to resign from the committee, which the DAC members didn't seem to want. Director Myers offered to support a work session but said it could be difficult.
  - v. Matt Reynolds suggested that we follow the timeline.
- e. One DAC member expressed concern that this division will affect the MLO and Bond results.
  - i. Irene made a motion that the DAC adopt the proposed timeline and policy as created by the KB subcommittee. Ashley seconded. It passed unanimously
  - ii. Director Myers will request that the timeline is posted on the screen during public comment.
  - iii. Kelly made a motion to request a work session in an attempt to work collaboratively with the entire school board and available DAC members in a timely manner to talk about the dynamics of what has happened in order to move forward and clarify goals and priorities for this year. Irene seconded. It carried unanimously.
  - iv. Another expressed hope that we could work together to do what's best for kids.
  - v. Dir. Meek asked if Board Members could just show up earlier. Dir. Myers reminded people that any meeting of more than 2 Directors would need to be publicized sooner. Response was that we were open for anything.
10. Chester Shaw led Open Discussion
11. Irene motioned for us to end. Lisa seconded. It passed. Closing was 9:13 pm.