



DAC Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Meeting Logistics:

Jessica Bassan - **Excused**
Jenny Brown - **Present**
Anne Chacon - **Present**
Chad Cox - **Present**
Brian Domokos - **Present**
Lenaya Dobseth - **Present**
Allison Fox - **Present**
Julie Gooden - **Present**
Lisa Loomer - **Present**
Katie Lynch - **Present**
Victoria McDermott - **Present**
Ashley Opfer - **Present**
Kristina Parent - **Present**
Jenn Spykerman - **Excused**
Kate Welsh - **Present**
Sammye Wheeler-Clouse - **Present**

Quorum: Quorum is met (need a majority)

Matt Reynolds, Learning Services Officer - Present

Susan Meek, Board of Education Director - Present via Google Meet

Christy Williams, Board of Education Director - Present

Colleen Doan, Director of Budget

Alison Rausch, Director, Parent, Community and Civic Engagement

Dr. Deanne Kirby, Director of Educator Effectiveness - Present

Guest in attendance: 18 (this does not include DAC and DCSD staff and board members)

Came to Order at 6:32

Total Attendance 38

1. Meeting Logistics (Julie Gooden)
 - a. Roll Call/Confirm Quorum
 - b. DAC members went around and introduced themselves and their roles.
 - c. A motion to approve August 15, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Ashley and seconded by Lisa. Passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved at November 21, 2024 DAC MEETING

- d. A motion to approve August 29, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Ashley and seconded by Brian. Passed unanimously.
- 2. Chair Report (Julie Gooden)
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Bylaws committee was delayed until the Board of Education update.
 - c. Subcommittee Assignments/Updates: Ashley read through the results of the survey as well who was the point of contact for the board. There is a need for a new subcommittee on procedures that is called the Handbook Committee that wasn't on the survey. Ashley asked for volunteers to join her. Similarly, we need an Equity Advisory Committee member for monthly meetings at Legacy. There was a mention that it could take the place of having to serve on two committees.
 - i. The representative for the DAC on the **EAC** is Kristina Parent, **MBOC** has Allison Fox, and **MBEC** is Lenaya Dotseth.
 - ii. The **Budget Subcommittee** is Brian Domokos, Jenn Spykerman, Sammye Wheeler-Clouse, Jessica Basan, with Brian as the DAC Board Point of Contact.
 - iii. The **CART Subcommittee** is Ashley Opfer, Jenn Spkyerman, and Chad Cox with Ashley as the DAC Board Point of Contact.
 - iv. The **Communications Subcommittee** is Kate Welsh, Anne Chacon, and Jenny Brown, with Jenny as the DAC Board Point of Contact.
 - v. The **CART Subcommittee** is Ashley Opfer, Jenn Spkyerman, and Chad Cox with Ashley as the DAC Board Point of Contact.
 - vi. The **Forum/EXPO Subcommittee** is Brian Domokos, Allison Fox, Lenaya Dotseth, and Jessica Bassan, with Brian as the DAC Board Point of Contact.
 - vii. The **Membership Subcommittee** is Ashley Opfer, Jenn Spkyerman, Katie Lynch, Chad Cox, and Lisa Loomer, with Ashley as the DAC Board Point of Contact.
 - viii. The **Parent Engagement Subcommittee** is Julie Gooden, Sammye Wheller-Clouse, Anne Chacon, Jenny Brown, and Victoria McDermott, with Julie as the DAC Board Point of Contact.
 - ix. The **Handbook Subcommittee** is Ashley Opfer, Kate Welsh, and Jenny Brown, with Ashley as the DAC Board Point of Contact.
- 3. Board of Education Liaison Update (Dir. Meek and Dir. Williams)
 - a. Simon, a student at Northridge Elementary, created a video about [what a SAC and DAC is that was shown](#). Katie Lynch, his principal, introduced him. DAC members thanked him for his work and suggested that we show others it and post it on the DAC website..
 - b. DAC Areas of Focus
 - i. DAC Members received a copy of the Areas of Focus for this year. Many were the same due to it being statutory, but there are two new ones: 5) Expand engagement strategies with SACS affected by Growth and Decline in the North Planning Area and 6) Engage with SACS regarding

their ability and limitations to engage their communities around a potential bond issue.

- ii. There was a question about engaging SACs in general and not just those affected by Growth/Decline. It is still allowed.

c. DAC Bylaws

- i. Dir. Williams mentioned that the bylaws weren't passed in September. Last Friday, they met with the Bylaws subcommittee to review answers and go through previous answers. She handed out a set of answers given to the subcommittee. Dir. Meek mentioned these potentially new bylaws are high level, which is why the handbook subcommittee is needed. A member asked if other committees have a handbook. Matt said he believed DAC would be the only one but it's the only one with statutory requirements. Dir. Meek mentioned that other committees are talking about creating a handbook. There was discussion about the timeline of approving these or waiting and looking through them. A member asked about getting the final draft for DAC approval. A member asked about receiving the fourth reading. Dir. Williams offered to send them to Julie to send to the DAC. Dir. Meek brought up [Policy LBD-R-1](#). This was sent to DAC members along with its feedback form. There was a question about the bylaws subcommittee and if it had a recommendation for the DAC. They didn't feel ready to make a recommendation until hearing the fourth reading and seeing what questions DAC members have. A vote may or may not be necessary.

- 1. **ACTION ITEM:** DAC members set a deadline of a week to get the questions on the fourth reading to Julie.

d. Across the Board Updates

- i. There was a kickoff event for the Bond on September 7th. Dir. Meek asked for feedback and a DAC member asked why people were optimistic this time. Dir. Meek mentioned that polling has come back favorably and people understand the issue more such as it not being an increase in taxes but keeping the tax rate that would otherwise sunset.
- ii. She mentioned that the board voted to adopt revisions to [Board Policy JIH concerning Student Interviews, Searches and Arrests](#) and had first readings of [Policy JKA](#), [Policy IKE](#), [Policy LBD-R-1](#) and [Policy JCA-JFB](#). She invited people to read them and provide feedback via the forms on the [dcsdk12.org](#) website.

4. Staff Update (Matthew Reynolds)

- a. He reminded people about the Forum Career Pathway EXPO on October 24, 2024. Someone asked about the timing--Matt responded that there will be an announcement coming out. There are no limits to the number of people who can attend.
- b. Membership Update was given by Lisa. They met and went through the 9 applicants and tried to focus on someone from the Castle Rock/Parker area. She had sent a brief biography of Keith Langford. Kate made a motion to approve him

as our elementary representative and it was seconded by Allison Fox. It passed unanimously.

5. School Finance Update (Colleen Doan)

- a. She went over her [slidedeck](#) about the change in how schools are financed, which hasn't changed since 1994. These changes will start next school year.
- b. She discussed the Budget Stabilization factor that, for the past 10 years, has decreased the funding received from the state as well as showed a comparison of nearby districts per pupil revenue with mills added.
- c. The implementation of the new funding formula will take 6 years. Some issues facing DCSD are that the Cost of Living Factor is now capped at 23% (though DCSD could ask voters to pass mil levies to make up the difference and the current rate is a little over 1% higher than that) and reducing the multi-year averaging for declining enrollment from 5 years to 4 (though there is a "hold harmless" time during these 6 years.)
- d. She discussed pros (increasing funding for all districts, increases rural funding, pauses provisions if funding becomes an issue, and allows increases through mil levies) and cons (disproportionate amount of increases, the fact that a hold harmless period is needed, the loss of a year in average for declining enrollment, and the need for more funding from the state). The increase for DCSD is smaller than all nearby schools.
- e. Matt asked her to come back after DAC members had a chance to digest it. An audience member asked for the slides and another asked for the previous cost of living percentages. Another asked about property taxes going up and why it didn't increase funding. A member asked what happens to the reserve percentages if the bond is passed, which Colleen says would take money from the general fund for capital needs. A member asked about how often it's good to ask voters for a mil levy increase and Colleen directed that to Superintendent Kane. A DAC member asked about the difference between a percentage increase and a dollar amount increase for IEP funding as well as for other reasons for the change beyond helping rural communities.

6. Accountability Update (Matt Reynolds)

- a. He went through his [slide deck](#) about the UIP. He mentioned that the template has a new focus on an appropriate level of scope and intensity based on the accreditation category, meaning that DCSD, who has a higher accreditation score, doesn't need as many changes.
- b. He brought up the feedback received such as making sure the plan is more reader-friendly and focusing more on the underperforming subgroups.
- c. He asked if the DAC had a recommendation to submit to the board about the 2024-2025 UIP.
- d. A member asked about Professional Learning Teams/Professional Learning Communities (PLTs or PLCs) and if they are by school or district. There was a distinction between vertical alignment and PLT time. A member asked about PLT among smaller schools, given that there are fewer teachers to team with. A DAC

- member asked about creative ways to help F/R Lunch students and for clarity on the progress monitoring needed by the DAC.
- e. Ashley made a motion that the DAC recommend that the board adopt the UIP as written. Kristina seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
7. Educator Effectiveness Update (Dr. Deanne Kirby)
- a. She went through her [slide deck](#) and handed out a packet entitled “District Accountability Committee Assessment Recommendations. She reviewed the change in evaluation from 50/50 for Teacher Practice and Student Data to 70/30.
 - b. She asked DAC members to read through the Recommendations for Principals and then offered to answer any questions. DAC members didn’t see a need to change the language. A member asked if the phrase “collaborate with educators” was building specific or district wide. There was clarity on the fact that there are no district-wide common assessments beyond iReady, CSAP, or SAT.
8. SAC Engagement (Julie Gooden)
- a. There was a handout about fair campaign do’s and don’ts that she reviewed. She asked if there were any comments from the crowd on how to help SACs. This has been sent out to SACs along with a survey that asks for the support. There were questions about the legal logistics about painting cars.
9. Open Discussion (Julie Gooden)
- a. There were no comments made.
10. Public Comment
- a. There was a discussion about adopting any norms. Matt said he’d pass them out next time. Julie asked that people bring any norm changes to the next meeting.
 - b. She reminded people again about the LBR policy and feedback.
 - c. Jenny asked for any SACs present to pass on to people that didn’t receive the survey
11. Motion to adjourn by Lenaya and seconded by Chad passed unanimously at 8:43 pm.