TECHNOLOGY & DATA PRIVACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TDPAC)

Thursday, December 12, 2024 - 6:00–7:30 pm

Ed Center – Conf. Room 4E

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

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Eliza Behrerkapit	Jason Cook	Susanne Cornado
Adam Greer	Jen Jonson	Leah Lindblom
Jason Livingston	Erin Norton	Dan Rohner
Phil Romig III	Keel Ross	~~Alison Stafford~~
Emily Sullivan	Byron Thornburgh	Michael Wright
Jill Ibeck	Patrick Dean	Mary Parker
~~Jeremy Felker~~	Sean McDermid	~~Carol Eaton~~
Hilary Young	Floy Jaffares	~~Brett Adams~~
Kevin Hahn	Trace Faust	

Guests: Jeff Pierson, Madalena DeAndrea

- Start of Meeting
  - Confirmation of attendees' audio.
  - Acknowledgement of good attendance.
  - We appreciated the board's attendance at a December meeting.

- Introduction of Chair – Erin Norton
  - Erin Norton was introduced as the new Chair.
  - She shared about her recent trip to Spain and her professional background.
  - Erin has a fourth grader at Ralston and is involved with the district, blending her passions for education and technology.

- Safe & Secure Environments District Presentation
  - Introduction of Jeff Pierson, Executive Director of Department of School Safety.
  - Jeffco Alliance convened three times since 2022 to discuss Jeffco Thrives, High School Reimagined work, and funding discrepancies.
  - Upcoming focus on compensation, High School Reimagined, and Safe and Welcoming Environments.
  - Presentation on fiscal safety aspects and the prioritization of student mental health.
  - Jeff and Madalena presented information on Jeffco's Department of School Safety.
  - He explains the interconnectedness of physical and mental safety.

- Jeff shares his background and experience with trauma and school safety.
- Emphasis on the necessity of partnerships between schools and safety teams.
- Overview of the robust Department of School Safety and the importance of the campus safety division.

Dispatch and Emergency Management:
  - 24/7 dispatch division handles over 60,000 calls per year, connected to Jeffcom for seamless communication with law enforcement.
  - Conducts drills and audits at schools, completing a safety drill and lockdown drill at every school each semester.

Patrol and Judicial Services:
  - 27 armed patrol members trained to respond to issues in schools, patrolling the district almost 24/7.
  - Provides support for students in the legal system or facing disciplinary actions, conducting threat assessments and creating safety plans.

Department Overview and Training:
  - Comprises about 150 individuals covering 145 schools, 69,000 students, 68 campuses, and 550 square miles.
  - Initially built on response due to past tragedies, now focusing on prevention and creating a sense of belonging.
  - Emphasis on training staff on safety protocols and expectations.

Technology and Tools:
  - Uses technology such as Safe2Tell and visitor management systems for incident prevention.
  - Safe2Tell is a crucial reporting tool highly regarded by the FBI and Secret Service.

Madalena DeAndrea Introduction:
  - Senior Manager of Strategy Projects, Recovery, Resiliency, Security, and Emergency Management.
  - Focus on innovation and best practices in school safety.
  - Describes the ecosystem approach to school safety, encompassing prevention, mitigation, preparedness, and response.

Structure, Tools and Funding Discussion:
  - Response protocols and incident command system in place, with a focus on recovery inspired by personal experience.
  - School safety investment requires clear understanding of funding needs, with key elements including the relationship with law enforcement partners (School Resource Officers).
  - Starting next school year, the district will cover 50% of School Resource Officer costs, aligning with state and national models.
  - Discussion on what items should be funded by schools versus the district.

Capital Improvement and Identified Needs:
  - 2018 Capital Improvement Program funded major school safety investments through one-time purchases (classroom door locks, secure vestibules, cameras).

- Consistent funding needed for ongoing safety improvements, including emergency alert systems, updated data systems for video surveillance, and enhanced visitor management systems.

Feedback, Future Investment, and Questions:

- Seeking feedback on what items should be prioritized for district funding, focusing on physical safety for the specific report this year.
- Ensuring alignment with the strategic Master Plan within the Facilities Department and preparing a safe and welcoming environments report for the Board of Education.
- Questions for feedback:
  1. What technology-related items contribute to a safer learning environment?
  2. Priorities in budgeting and identifying non-negotiable safety items.
  3. Insights on items that should be funded by schools versus the district.

- Overview of Systemization of Data Governance
  - Kevin Hahn, Director of Enterprise Data Services (EDS), introduced himself and his background in the private sector.

Presentation Overview:

- Presentation on data governance and the state of the district from a data perspective.
- Includes slides from previous "State of the Data" presentations and an overview of ongoing projects.
- Jeffco's goal: To be a data-driven district making decisions with accurate, transparent, and available data.

Current State in the District:

- Emphasis on data democratization, centralization, governance, enterprise reporting, data literacy, and technical infrastructure.
- Establishing Enterprise Data Services (EDS) as Jeffco's Center of Excellence for data services.
- Jeffco appointed a data governance program manager in early 2024.
- Completed data governance charter and assessment.
- Implemented recommendations and formalized committee charter and governance roles.
- Acquired data governance tool, to store metadata and grow the data dictionary.

Progress Monitoring Dashboard (PMD):

- Power BI driven tool that compiles student data for administrators and educators.
- Provides a single view of student performance on tests, grades, attendance, and more.
- Centralized data governance around PMD to manage risks and use data effectively.

Release of PMD:

- Released several altitudes of the PMD for administrators.
- Next release for 7,000 teachers after verifying metadata accuracy.
- Systematic corrections were made based on feedback from school principals.

Ongoing Project:

- Identifying data owners and stewards based on data domains.

    - Activation of relevant individuals for data governance issues.
    - Voting process requires a simple majority of data owners or their delegates.
    - Expansion plans to include school-based personnel.

- Review of TDPAC Teams Channel – Feedback Form
    - Collecting feedback on the effectiveness of committee meetings.
    - Questions include whether the meetings are a good use of time and what would keep members engaged.
    - Encouraging members to share feedback to improve future agendas.
    - Assistance offered for those having trouble accessing the team site.

- Next Meeting: February 27, 2025