



DAC Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2025

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Meeting Logistics:

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

Quorum: Quorum is met (need a majority)

Matt Reynolds, Learning Services Officer - Present

Susan Meek, Board of Education Director - Present

Christy Williams, Board of Education Director - Excused

Steve Colella, Chief of Staff - Present

Alison Rausch, Director, Parent, Community and Civic Engagement - Present

Guest in attendance: 8 (this does not include DAC and DCSD staff and board members)

Came to Order at 6:31

Total Attendance 23

1. Meeting Logistics (Julie Gooden)
 - a. Roll Call/Confirm Quorum
 - b. A motion to approve January 23, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Victoria McDermott and seconded by Kristina Parent. Passed unanimously.
2. Chair Report (Julie Gooden)

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- a. Welcome
- b. Subcommittee Updates
 - i. Communications--Brown was absent and sent an email saying that meetings with SACs are going well. There are two dates left that DAC needs to fill. If a DAC member can't go on the day they signed up, please email Jenny Brown.
 - ii. Membership--Loomer says DAC needs to fill a parent representative space, a community representative space, and an administrator representative space, at the very least. There was a discussion about adding another charter parent. There is no representation from the Ponderosa nor the Castle View feeder system. There was a discussion about what areas to look for and a short discussion on whether or not to expand membership to other school-related roles as suggested in other meetings. A DAC member asked if there was any other capacity to give the district feedback for these other school-related roles. Matt responded that most board committees have no limit nor requirements on job titles for membership. There was a discussion about maybe having targeted promotion to specific groups instead of specific handbook changes regarding membership spots for these other district roles, especially as the community member can be an employee of the district. Dir. Meek offered to reach out to Gordon Mosher, the director of choice programming. Loomer hopes to finish interviews by April.
 - iii. Handbook -- all members were absent.
 - iv. Parent Engagement -- They met in early February and have some ideas like having DAC audience tables organized by feeders, making the attendance list digital as well as how to use that data, moving around the district for the DAC members, providing a livestream, and asking DAC members to reach out to their area SAC members. She asked for feedback. Some members expressed interest in the moving meeting idea, the livestream ideas, and DAC members reaching out to their feeder areas. An audience member suggested that if the meetings move around, the DAC should find a way to feature kids from the local schools. An audience member asked for clarity on what the goal of parent engagement is. An audience member asked for more clarity on the "Why" for engagement as well as noting that moving may bring different people each time while livestreaming may bring a bigger, more consistent audience.
- c. Ad hoc committees
 - i. Equity Advisory Council - Parent missed this past meeting but the agenda mentioned they were reviewing recommendations on the bullying policy as well as reviewing data from the Healthy Kids Colorado survey.
 - ii. MBOC Update - Fox missed the past meeting but they talked through updates on the construction updates. They also talked about engagement and financial pieces, which is all available on the website. She asked if

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Reynolds could locate the spreadsheet to see reports on how each school benefits as well as the current state of each change. Although the link wasn't found during the meeting, Reynolds will look into it.

- iii. CART - Spykerman reported that there are currently 3 applications, one of which is new and two which are replications of Leman and STEM. She gave the timelines for the next steps and Parent was asked to (and agreed) to join the committee. April 1 is a major deadline for charter applications.

3. Board of Education Liaison Update (Dir. Meek)

- a. Dir. Meek mentioned that the DAC video made by a student could be used at Back to School Nights to advertise the DAC.
- b. July 26 is the date of a board retreat in which the DAC and other board committees have been invited to attend. It will be open to all DAC members but not required.
- c. There was a pathways to education presentation, the policy FCB and its partner FCB-PR were approved, and the board did a self evaluation.
- d. Gooden asked about Kane's mention of the ICE immigration district response sent to school leaders. Dir. Meek mentioned that it was brought up during the Legislative Update based on Colorado laws as well as Executive Orders. An audience member asked why it was only sent to school leadership and not made public. Dir. Meek said this was a question for the Superintendent. This audience member mentioned that communication seems to be a problem for his kids' schools and with this issue. Dir. Meek offered to introduce this member to the Director of Communications. Reynolds also asked to meet with this member. A DAC member expressed concern that some schools shared information with parents while others haven't. An audience member shared the procedure that was shared with him by his child's school's leadership. Reynolds shared the process hasn't changed: if someone shows up with a judge signed warrant, the administration reaches out to the district legal team before responding.

4. SAC Engagement Growth and Decline (Julie Gooden)

- a. McDermott summarized her time with Summit View SAC and the questions they had about capacity being year-round and the audit that may have not taken into account all spaces that could be used as classrooms as opposed to those currently being used as classrooms. Dotseth summarized her time with Coyote Creek and the concerns that some kids who are in Sterling Ranch, which opens the year after the pairings happen, could end up going to three schools in three years. There were questions about capacity and sixth grade. Wheeler-Clouse went to North Ridge and Cougar Run and asked if DAC is collecting data for the Board, why was a Board member there. That school had more questions about capacity as well as sixth grade. Gooden reported that Langford's questions from his time at Copper Mesa were primarily about sixth grade and open enrollment timing. Gooden reported that her time at Eagle Ridge included hearing more questions about sixth grade. HRHSs SAC discussed the lack of communication about where the new Ridgeway elementary school will feed. Parent's time at

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Eldorado had questions about AN programming and how it would impact those students, specifically the potential loss of their trusted adults.

5. Strategic Plan (SPN Consultants)
 - a. Ray McNulty, the Senior Thought Leader of Successful Practice Network (SPN) presented a slide deck on his work with the Douglas County Strategic Plan.
 - b. He spoke on how the world is quickly changing and what the current kindergarten class's graduation year would look like.
 - c. He had given all DAC and audience members a Focus Group Workbook that he asked them to complete. It included four plausible future scenarios that were ranked in terms of likelihoods, hopes and worries, and critical capacities. Everyone wrote their answers and he collected them.
 - d. There is currently a [survey](#) on the district website where community members can contribute to this discussion.
6. Open Discussion
 - a. A question was asked about moving public comment towards the beginning.
 - b. The audience was thanked for coming
7. Public Comment
 - a. None were made
8. Motion to adjourn by Allison Fox and seconded by Anne Chacon passed unanimously at 8:30 pm.