

**DAC Retreat - Agenda**  
**Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 5:30-7:30 pm**  
**Jeffco Public Schools Ed. Center, Room 4E**  
**1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg. 27, Golden, CO 80401**  
*(Take elevators to the 4th floor. Exit left. Room 4E is on your left-hand side)*

<i>Information</i>	<b>Welcome</b> (5:30-6:10) Get to know each other – Table Work / 3 Questions	40 min	Therese Rednor, Group
<i>Information</i>	<b>What’s your Why?</b> (6:10-6:25) Member Share Out	15 mins	Group
<b>BREAK (6:20-6:35)</b>			
<i>Overview of DAC</i>	<b>Expectations and Resources</b> (6:35 – 7:10)	35 min	Therese Rednor Elizabeth Armstrong
<i>Information/ Action</i>	<b>DAC Subcommittees</b> (7:10-7:30) Subcommittee Introductions/Information Subcommittee Sign-Ups  <b>Materials:</b> Subcommittee Sign-Up Sheets	20 min	Subcommittee Chairs
<i>Information</i>	<b>Closure discussion &amp; Adjournment</b> (7:30) Submit your questions by scanning this QR Code  Remember you always have a resource through <a href="#">the DAC website</a>		Therese Rednor



**WELCOME TO JEFFCO DISTRICT  
ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

**2025-2026 School Year**

# Agenda

- 5:30-6:10 Welcome and introductions
  - Executive Committee
  - Table Group Work – Three Questions
- 6:10-6:25 What's your "why" for DAC?
  - Executive Committee
- 6:35-7:10 Overview of DAC / Expectations / Resources
- 7:10-7:30 DAC Subcommittees Intro and Join!

# Welcome and Introductions

Chair: Therese Rednor

Vice Chair: Elizabeth Armstrong

Secretary: Kate Otto

District Liaison: Tara Pena, Chief of Family-School Partnerships

District Support: Greece Butte

DAC Facilitator: Trace Faust

Board of Education Liaison: Erin Kenworthy

Budget Subcommittee Chair: Crystal Marine

Charter Subcommittee Chair: Currently Vacant

DUIP Subcommittee Chair: Hannah Hoong

FSCP Subcommittee Chair: Evie Hudak

AAR Coordinator: Carsten Engebretsen

## AT YOUR TABLE...

### THREE QUESTIONS

- What prompted you to sign up for the District Accountability Committee?
- What do you / your family members really enjoy about Jeffco schools?
- What is at least one thing you hope happens during this school year – either at the school level or family/personal level?

**What's Your Why?**

# Overview of District Accountability Committee

The Colorado District Accountability Committee (DAC) is established at the district level in Colorado to promote accountability and provide community input regarding district-wide educational policies and programs.

The DAC plays an essential role in ensuring transparency, engaging the community, and supporting the continuous improvement of schools within the district.

[CO Rev Stat § 22-11-302 \(2016\)](#)



## Impact of Advisement

- *Board decisions affect all aspects of our schools!*
- *Helps shape funding and priorities that affect academic achievement and school/district programs.*
- *69,000 kids; 14,000 staff; and the community at large.*



## General DAC Goals

- Advise Board of Education in the areas of DUIP, budget, engagement with input gained from schools and families.
- Advise Board of Education on Charter School renewal applications and new applications.
- Give greater voice to our schools through SACs into DAC and to the District – by AARs.
- Support SACs by ensuring they have the tools and resources needed to operate in collaboration with school staff.
- Work to support alignment of district and school UIPs (Unified Improvement Plans).
- Empower and encourage all families and communities to actively partner with schools to promote student success.
- *(Other goals to be determined by the DAC and the school board.)*



# How DAC Operates

- Monthly DAC meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (with some exceptions) August through May, at the Ed Center.
- Bylaws & Code of Conduct.
- Monthly meetings of Executive Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, AAR Coordinator, and subcommittee chairs).
- Subcommittee meetings (as determined by chairs).
- Meeting(s) with Board of Education, with DAC represented by Executive Committee – 3+ times per year.

# General Expectations



Meeting minutes, agendas, and relevant materials will be sent to you 1 week prior to each DAC meeting.



You are expected to attend each meeting, prepared to discuss/vote.

Presentations sent ahead of time – please review and study. Resources will be provided so meetings have robust conversation. Votes will be noted in the agenda.



There is generally more to discuss than we have time for.

Participate in subcommittees: This is where much of the work happens and where you have the most direct influence.

Any additional input can be emailed to the chairs.



Members engage in discussions at meetings and ask questions.



Your “mileage may vary,” but you will likely spend ~4-6 hours a month on DAC-related activities.

# Attendance and Subcommittees



- Attendance is expected and required at monthly DAC meetings.
  - Let the Chair or district staff know if you can't attend.
  - Two unexcused absences could result in your removal and replacement.
- DAC Members are appointed by BOE for two-year terms.
  - Can apply for renewal as many times as you want.
  - Stakeholder groups (JCEA, JCAA, JESPA, PTA) may recommend their own members.
- You are encouraged to be an active member of at least one subcommittee.
  - There are 4 subcommittees: DUIP, Budget, FSCP, and Charter Review.
  - Meeting frequency and times are at the discretion of Subcommittee Chairs.

**YOU ARE LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY - THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE – THANK YOU!**



# Resources – Elizabeth Armstrong

- Board Docs
  - [Jeffcopublicschools.org](http://Jeffcopublicschools.org)
    - About – Board of Education
    - Board Minutes and Meetings
    - Board Docs – Upper Right – “Featured” “Policies” (drop down)
    - Search Bar

# Articulation Area Representatives (AARs)

- **AAR Coordinator: Carsten Engebretsen**

*(Special meetings of all AARs may be arranged, if needed.)*

- AARs are the voice of local schools on the DAC – to work with SACs and principals to form a dialogue between DAC and the SACs.
  - 2 representatives for each high school articulation area
  - 3 representatives for charter schools
  - 2 representatives for option schools
- AARs are expected to work closely with their schools' SACs to share information and communicate needs to DAC.



# **DAC DUIP Subcommittee**

(DUIP = District Unified Improvement Plan)

**Chair: Hannah Hoong**

Analyzes achievement and testing data to advise the DAC on recommendations about components of the DUIP and its alignment with the district's strategic plan.

***Meeting times TBD.***





# DAC Budget Subcommittee

**Chair: Crystal Marine**

Analyzes district financial information and the SAC survey to advise the DAC on recommendations about budget priorities.

***Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.***



# **DAC FSCP Subcommittee**

(FSCP = Family School Community Partnerships)

**Chair: Evie Hudak**

**Vice Chair: Carsten Engebretsen, AAR Coordinator**

Plans annual trainings at beginning of year (AARs, SACs, DAC); makes recommendations about improving FSCP in the district; supports AARs and SACs.

***Meets 5:30 p.m. on 1st Tuesdays virtually on Teams.***

# **DAC Charter Review Subcommittee**

**Chair:** *[vacant]*

Reviews charter school applications and renewals. Directly advises the DAC on recommendations to be made to the Board of Education about charter approvals or renewals.

***Meets as needed when charter applications or renewals are received by the district.***

# HELP: What the heck is that acronym?!?

- **DAC** - District Accountability Committee
- **SAC** - School Accountability Committee
- **AA** – Articulation Area
- **AAR** - Articulation Area Representative
- **UIP** - Unified Improvement Plan
- **SPF** – School Performance Framework
- **SBB** – Student-Based Budgeting
- **SPED** - Special education
- **IEP** - Individual Education Plan
- **SEL** - Social/emotional learning
- **FEL** – Family Engagement Liaison
- **GT** - Gifted and talented
- **AP** - Advanced Placement
- **ALP** - Advanced Learning Plan
- **IB** - International Baccalaureate
- **FRL** - Free/reduced lunch
- **ELL** - English language learner
- **ESL** - English as Second Language