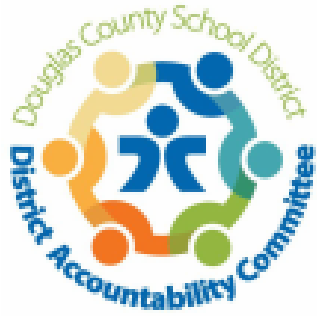




DAC Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025 VIRTUAL MEETING

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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

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 - Present

Guest in attendance: 3 (this does not include DAC and DCSD staff and board members)

Came to Order at 6:31

Total Attendance 18

1. Meeting Logistics (Julie Gooden)
 - a. Roll Call/Confirm Quorum
 - b. A motion to approve May 15, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Victoria McDermott and seconded by Keith Langford. Passed unanimously with one abstention.
2. Chair Report (Julie Gooden)
 - a. Welcome

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- b. Communications subcommittee update: Nothing to report as Brown was absent.
 - c. Membership subcommittee update: Loomer reviewed Jessica Mason and the two other charter teachers who applied. The other two withdrew their applications after they received new positions. There was a question about Mason still being eligible with her having kids in public schools, but it's not an issue. Kate Walsh made a motion to recommend her to the board to fulfill the charter school employee representative and Jenn Spykerman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
 - d. Handbook subcommittee update: Walsh thanked members for their feedback and thoughts and stated they would meet to review all the recommendations and should have a final draft by the August meeting.
 - e. Parent Engagement subcommittee update: There was no meeting of this subcommittee.
 - f. CART subcommittee update: Spykerman shared that she had gone in with lower expectations and wasn't as disappointed as previous years' members. She said the process hasn't changed. None of the three applicants were approved this year.
 - g. EXPO subcommittee update: Domokos reported that the subcommittee sent out emails to all the elementary principals and have only heard back from about ten of them, though they have until the end of June and weren't able to send it as quickly as they wanted. Lynch shared that Lynni Nordheim, the District Dyslexia Specialist, is outstanding and recommended using her as a resource. Reynolds offered to coordinate all of the staffing and reaching out to Nordheim and others as needed.
 - h. Equity Advisory Council update: Parent wasn't present and there was no meeting since May. Reynolds said the recommendations made by it are now on the website.
 - i. MBOC Update: Fox shared there wasn't a meeting since the last DAC meeting. There was a tour that was offered to MBOC members of the two new sites.
3. Board of Education Liaison Update (Dir. Meek and Dir. Williams)
- a. Dir. Williams shared that at the last school board meeting of the year they reviewed the master capital plan and didn't approve the final charter school application that had been previously tabled.
 - b. Dir. Williams reminded the DAC that on July 26 there is a board retreat for DAC members to attend. They will provide lunch and will send out an RSVP in early July.
 - c. Dir. Williams mentioned that livestreaming a DAC meeting will cost about \$5,000 a meeting.
 - d. Dir. Meek shared about the Home Rule Presentation that was covered and that the Superintendent's contract was approved. They also approved the budget and the Master Capital Plan. She also shared that the Student Advisory Council does have interest in hosting a school board candidate forum for the November election.

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- e. A member asked for some more details about the Board and DAC retreat. Another asked why it would cost \$5,000 to livestream. Reynolds shared it was a general quote from the county. Dir. Meek clarified that her proposal was to do a pilot of livestreaming over the first semester and then evaluate if it is still worth doing.
- 4. Staff Update (Matthew Reynolds)
 - a. Reynolds thanked the DAC members for their time and commitments as well as celebrated the end of another school year.
 - b. He reminded the DAC that new DAC Training is on July 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 in the building in Wilcox and that any current DAC members can attend. There will also be three regional SAC trainings that will be in September. He also stated that it's helpful but not mandatory for officers to attend the new DAC training.
- 5. Unified Improvement Plan Update (Matthew Reynolds)
 - a. Reynolds [shared a slide deck](#) that shared an update on the Unified Improvement Plan.
 - b. Since the UIP was approved, there have been changes like the board has changed the end goal statements, there will be a new strategic plan in the fall, and there will be new assessment and accountability changes. These changes will be reflected in the next UIP.
 - c. He gave updates on the action step of implementing core reading programs in elementary schools including a request for more training on writing instruction in the elementary and middle schools. This instruction is fairly popular.
 - d. He asked Lynch to share her experience with the training as an elementary school principal and she spoke highly of it as well. Teachers were observed using the ideas and strategies from the training the very next day during walkthroughs.
 - e. As he reviewed the other action steps, he shared that reading is the gateway to learning and numeracy is the gateway to a career.
 - f. He explained the timeline for receiving all of the data and when it will be released. Currently, i-Ready data indicates that 9% of students are at risk, 20% are in tier 2 while 71% are on track. He explained the inflection points that often lead to drops like learning fractions, negative numbers, and abstract concepts.
 - g. He also mentioned that there is a focus on this year's fourth grade as they were in kindergarten during COVID.
 - h. All grades have experienced growth above 100% in math.
 - i. i-Ready reading data is also strong with 75% on track and there's a continued improvement year by year. He also showed the inflection point in fourth grade when reading goes from learning to read to reading to learn. Again, all grade levels are growing above 100%.
 - j. He provided a QR code that asked for feedback on any additional information the DAC would want regarding the implementation of the plan.
 - k. He stated there shouldn't be any major changes to the framework beyond the recent bill that was passed that affects future years and not this upcoming school year. He also shared a timeline of next steps.

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- I. A DAC member asked him to clarify how DAC gives recommendations for the UIP. Another member asked how AI and youth use of it is having an impact on learning and scores. Another member asked if the district will be able to track how many parents access the CMAS parent portal. Another member expressed concern about schools using AI in education.
6. Open Discussion
 - a. A member commented on the connection between these virtual meetings and livestreaming.
 - b. A member asked about the use of cell phones in schools based on the recent law that was passed.
 - c. A member mentioned that there still has not been a special education presentation to the DAC. This desire was seconded by another member.
 - d. Departing members thanked the DAC for what it does for students and the community.
7. Public Comment
 - a. No comments were made
8. Motion to adjourn by Katie Lynch and seconded by Anne Chacon passed unanimously at 7:56 pm.