

SDMC Meeting

1/8/2026

Time: 3:10 pm

The meeting began at 3:15 pm.

Welcome and Introductions:

- In attendance: Mr. Dedrick, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Vrettos, Ms. Hertz, Ms. Segrist, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Mousavi, Ms. Williams, Mr. Hernandez, Niti Shah, Gary Pong, Tarina Frank, Christen Bagley

Staffing Update

- Mr. Dedrick reported that the campus is fully staffed.
- The Special Education department experienced staffing changes; however, all positions are currently filled, and systems are in place to ensure continuity of services for students.

IB Update

- Fifth Grade Exhibition:
 - The search for mentors for the Fifth Grade Exhibition is underway. Parents, teachers, partners, and community sponsors who are VIPS approved are invited to serve as mentors. Mentors support students by offering guidance and helping them remain on track with established timelines and expectations. Mentorship is anticipated to begin in March and conclude toward the end of April.
 - Mentors may not take students off campus during the school day; however, families may independently arrange for groups to meet outside of school hours for experiential learning opportunities.
 - The Fifth Grade Exhibition is the culminating project of the IB Primary Years Programme, where students demonstrate their learning through inquiry, research, and action connected to real-world issues. ROE students have a strong history of producing high-quality Exhibition projects.
- Ms. Schoaps has reviewed and updated IB policies and plans, which will be ready for review by IB coordinators.
- Ms. Hertz raised a question regarding IB-focused professional development, noting its value for all staff and especially for educators new to ROE. Mr. Dedrick shared

that professional development planning reflects a need to balance between district-mandated priorities and teacher interest in IB learning opportunities. The campus will continue to utilize IB planning days and conferences to support promotion of IB topics, such as transdisciplinary learning and inquiry-based practices, and there may be opportunities to engage in IB topics during afternoon professional development sessions.

- An interest form for the IB conference in Denver in July will be shared with educators soon.

Instructional Practices Discussion

- The committee discussed approaches for supporting family awareness and choice regarding classroom texts, including proactive communication and options for families who may be sensitive to certain content, while maintaining access to rich, complex texts that align with the IB framework and support critical thinking and global perspectives.

Magnet Update/Planning for 2026-2027 School Year

- The magnet application window is currently open, and ROE has received approximately 500 applications to date. While not all applicants meet the Vanguard-GT criteria, the number of qualified kindergarten applicants has increased compared to last year, though it remains lower than several years ago. Approximately 200 applications are for kindergarten, and 50–60 applications are for first grade.
- The committee discussed whether to return to five kindergarten classes next school year. It was noted that there is not currently a need to maintain six classes at the second-grade level.
 - Mr. Fuller shared that having four kindergarten classes this year has allowed specialists to receive planning time that has been challenging to schedule in years with five classes per grade level. The committee discussed possible strategies to preserve specialist planning time if kindergarten sections increase, including reconfiguring class groupings across grade levels.
 - Ms. Hertz noted that five kindergarten classes can be beneficial from a school perspective, as it provides additional opportunity to support student transition and acclimation to ROE expectations prior to first grade.
 - An informal poll was conducted to gauge committee perspectives on returning to five kindergarten classes. The majority indicated support for moving to five classes, with consideration given to maintaining appropriate planning time for specialists. One member did not support the change.

- ROE has received approximately 240 responses to the intent-to-return form, with the vast majority indicating plans to return.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.