



DAC Meeting Minutes

DATE: 2/26/2026

6:00pm-8:00pm

Legacy Campus

Meeting Logistics:

Roxanne Aviles - **Excused**
Jenny Brown - **Present**
Chad Cox - **Present**
Brian Domokos - **Present**
Lenaya Dotseth - **Present**
Allison Fox - **Present**
Michelle Franci - **Present**
Luke Freeman - **Present**
Julie Gooden - **Present**
Keith Langford - **Present**
Lisa Loomer - **Present**
Jessica Mason - **Present**
Victoria McDermott - **Present**
Molly Mund - **Present**
Kristina Parent - **Present**
Jenn Spykerman - **Excused**
Kate Welsh - **Present**
Sammye Wheeler-Clouse - **Present**

Quorum: Quorum is met

Matt Reynolds, Learning Services Officer - Excused

Kelly Denzler, Board of Education Director - Absent

Kyrzia Parker, Board of Education Director - Present

Dr. Deanne Kirby, Director of Educator Effectiveness – Present

Steve Colella, Chief of Staff- Present

Guest in attendance:11 (this does not include DAC and DCSD staff and board members)

Came to Order at 6:07

Total Attendance:31

1. Meeting Logistics (Julie Gooden)

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1. Roll Call/Confirm Quorum
2. A motion to approve 1/22/2026 meeting minutes was made by Brian and seconded by Molly. Passed unanimously.
2. **Chair Reports (Julie Gooden)**
 1. Welcome
 2. Subcommittee Updates
 1. Membership (Lisa) - More applications are needed. Currently there are 4 parents spots and 1 secondary teacher representative spot open. Received only 1 application so far. Will accept applications from any feeder, but need Castle View and Chap as they will not be represented next term. Plan is to ask to add to other social media and DCSD sites/communications. DAC email will also send out reminder to all SACs.
 2. CART (Kristina) - CART Training is March 12 - initial questions due April 16. Interviews are held on April 22, 23 for the 5 applications. Two applications are incomplete, and their deadline to complete applications is 3/31/2026.
 3. Communications - (Allison) - SACs have been sent the budget survey as well as reminders for availability to apply for DAC open positions.
 4. FOC (Keith) - no updates
 5. LRPC - (Christa) - approved boundaries for new schools- Sterling Ranch boundaries will be discussed at next BOE meeting.
 6. MBOC (Lenaya) - Jan 28 meeting - discussion on boundaries regarding Schools 50 and 51. Committee received a letter from county commissioners for possible installment of metal detectors at entrances of high schools. BOCC to pay for framework, but DCSD would pay for every other part. Just a discussion, not a plan. Likely to be discussed at later date.
3. **Board of Education Liaison Update (Dir. Parker)**
 1. Looking for feedback on cell phone policy and BE School Board Meetings (add link)
 2. Study session 2/20- dyslexia simulation- very productive and team building
 3. BOE discussion on monitoring reports and being intentional
4. **Staff Update (Dr. Kirby)**
 1. None
5. **Educator Effectiveness Updates- (Dr. Kirby)**
 1. Reviewed the role of DAC as part of the evaluation duties. Feedback provided individually and in small groups for positives and possible changes on the following rubrics:
 1. Generalist/Educator Rubric
 2. Counselor Rubric
6. **Growth and Decline (Steve Colella)**

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1. Review of Strategic Plan and Cornerstone Commitments
2. Every affected staff member is being taken care of by district - prioritized if affected by pairing. Clarification questions regarding interviewing vs getting a job - may not get their preferred location/job, but will have job options.
3. Paired schools renamed with new colors, mascots, and logos - kids and families very involved
4. Transportation accommodations for pairing families for 2026/27 school year, to be readdressed if needed in future
5. Construction started on receiving schools.
6. Question from DAC member regarding the one school that has a major road in pathway of school walk zone and if that affects open enrollment.
 1. Many discussions on this topic on how to mitigate

7. Communication Devices Updates (Steve Colella)

1. Second reading of draft policy will be at next board meeting (March 3)
 1. Middle and Elementary (bell to bell policy)
 2. High school - restriction during class periods (absent an IEP or known situation)
 3. Explicit carve out for instructional use
 4. Audience question - will charters follow this policy once implemented?
 1. Most have policies already that are similar to proposed policy and will follow their own or adopt this policy if they choose.
 5. Audience question - who decides consequences?
 1. this will be left to schools individually
 6. Audience question - what about Smart Watches?
 1. Smart watches will be included in the definition of communication devices. This is still being discussed, and will be at family and school levels on how to handle.
 7. Audience question - what is done regarding integration between computers and texts?
 1. Difficult to monitor and no clear solution at this time
 8. Discussion on equity between schools in district
 9. Audience question - How does this differ from the current policy?
 1. No uniform policy even from class to class, much less school to school
 10. Are staff equipped to address more needs from parents regarding communication?
 1. Must be implemented by August 17, 2026, this is being discussed.

8. AI- where we are (going)

1. Current Platforms: Staff are experimenting this year with AI-supported tools, including Google Classroom and Brisk.

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2. Customized Tools: The district is moving toward the development and use of DCSD-specific, customized AI tools.
 3. Student Preparation: Efforts are focused on preparing students for the emerging wave of AI-related careers.
 4. Digital Literacy: Development and maintenance of a Digital Literacy webpage to support staff, students, and families.
 5. Policy Review: Existing policies will be reviewed and revised as necessary to adapt to evolving AI technologies.
 6. Privacy and Security: DCSD will remain vigilant regarding privacy protections, particularly related to data input and AI-supported communications.
 7. Future Platforms: Questions were raised regarding whether DCSD will commit to a single AI platform given the rapid pace of change. At this time, Google tools are leading and most closely aligned with district needs and existing programs.
- 8. Enrollment Update (Kirby and Colella)**
1. [Presentation](#) was made to BOE made at January 27 meeting
 2. 2025 Pupil Count
 1. 70% neighborhood, decrease about 2%, slight increase in Charter (3%)
 3. Slow decline in enrollment over past few years
 4. Rock Canyon/Thunderridge showed slight percent change - related to new neighborhood developments (Sterling Ranch and The Canyons)
 5. Projected enrollment by feeder- only increase is DCHS - likely due to new construction and growth in Castle Rock
 6. Discussion on school consolidations – open enrollment
- 9. Strategic Plans- Thriving Schools, Thriving Communities**
1. Motion made to move to beginning of next meeting by Julie, seconded by Chad. Passed unanimously.
- 10. Open Discussion**
- a. none
- 11. Public Comment**
- a. none
- 12. Adjournment**
- a. Motion to adjourn by Julie and seconded by Kate. Passed unanimously at 8:06 pm.

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