



## **DAC Meeting Minutes**

DATE: March 26, 2026

6:00pm-8:00pm

Legacy Campus

### Meeting Logistics:

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

Quorum: Quorum is met

**Matt Reynolds, Learning Services Officer - Present**  
**Kelly Denzler, Board of Education Director - Present**  
**Kyrzia Parker, Board of Education Director – Excused**  
**Susan Meek, Board of Education Director- Present**  
**Erin Kane, Superintendent- Present**  
**Alison Rausch, Director, Parent, Community and Civic Engagement- Present**  
**Guest in attendance:** 13 (this does not include DAC and DCSD staff and board members)  
Came to Order at 6:02

**Total Attendance: 33**

**MINUTES Approved at April 16, 2026 DAC MEETING**

**1. Meeting Logistics (Julie Gooden)**

1. Roll Call/Confirm Quorum
2. A motion to approve 02/26/2026 meeting minutes was made by Victoria and seconded by Kate. Passed unanimously.

**2. Chair Report (Julie Gooden)**

1. Welcome
2. Subcommittee Updates
  1. Membership- Lisa- Currently accepting applications for 4 parent and 1 secondary teacher openings. At this time, 4 parent applications and 1 secondary application have been received. Interviews are planned for April 6 and 8. Membership Committee to present candidate referrals at next DAC meeting.
  2. CART- Jenn and Kristina- required training was postponed to April 3. 5 applications have been received, but 2 were incomplete. Current applications include Renaissance, expansion for STEM, renewals for PPA and Hope online, and modified renewal for AVA. April 16 is deadline for CART review and comments
  3. FOC- no updates
  4. MBOC- no updates
  5. LRPC- Christa- Meridian village surplus approved and recommendation sent to BOE for next meeting. Still working on getting MCP online. Plan is to be more up to date and accurate, to help with efficiency.

**3. Board of Education Liaison Update (Dir. Denzler and Dir. Meek)**

1. One board meeting since last DAC meeting
2. Elementary 51 boundary discussed
3. JICJA- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading will be in April- (communication device usage)
4. Approved JE meeting policy
5. Legislative and monitoring review
6. May 26 meeting- there will be a discussion of live streaming of BOE meetings
7. Held several community connections- local community organizations who serve mental health needs, classified educators, licensed educators, etc

**4. Potential Mill Levy Override Exploration- Long term funding Sustainability (Erin Kane)**

1. Current financial realities
  1. State of CO has a \$1 billion shortfall
  2. Initial proposal means an addition of \$6.1 million
  3. Total budget around \$900 million
  4. Benefits alone increase budget by \$ 5-6 million
  5. Fund balance- unassigned. 25/26- \$58.8 million
    1. For reference, 1 month of payroll is \$34 million
  6. Spending- 65% to schools, 35% Departments
2. Our reality- recommendations
  1. 2% pay increase across board

2. Running about \$15 million deficit
  3. Plan to cut \$15 million over next 2 years
  4. Don't want to overcut
  5. In better shape than neighboring districts
  3. Creating a sustainable funding plan for facilities and operations
    1. MCP
      1. 1-5 year plan
      2. 5-15 year plan
        1. 3 scenarios
          1. Pass a series of larger bonds to address next 10 years
          2. Pass a 40m per year MLO for maintenance and pass a series of modest bond on regular cadence for new construction
          3. Budget 40m per year for next 5 years in operating expenses- cutting 5% of operative expenses district wide. One comprehensive high school costs \$20m/year for comparison- meaning we would never complete new construction
4. Next steps
  1. Staff recommendation for possible 2026 MLO- additional SRO, CTE, compensation, personal financial literacy and life skills programming, Student programming (Specials), AI and digital literacy programming, annual curricular investment
  2. Impact of MLO for taxpayers
    1. \$27 per 100k on property tax
  3. Staff conducted polling which will be presented April 7, final decision to be made by BOE in August

a. Questions:

1. Consider doing an indexed mill?
  1. 3 options- fixed dollar mill, fixed mill- adjusts with growth, run mill that is 28% (school finance act)
2. Question on if filing position for SRO is issue due to lack of qualified applicants?
  1. Always a concern, but minor
3. Question on wording and ballot language
  1. That's why they did polling, lots of concern about DC voters

5. Spending Priorities Recommendation (Matt Reynolds)

Reviewed DAC responsibility

1. 45 total responses (less than last year- will keep survey open)
2. Rankings as follows:
  1. Top academic excellence
  2. Essential mindsets
  3. Future-ready graduates
  4. Thriving school culture
  5. Strategic technology integration
3. Motion: Made by Jenn and seconded by Lenaya to recommend to the Board of Education that the District Advisory Council use the ranking order submitted by the School Advisory Councils through the survey data as the DAC's recommendation.
  1. Passed unanimously with 3 staff abstentions

a. Matt suggested having budget discussion start in October of next year

6. Strategic Plan Summary- Thriving Schools, Thriving Communities

1. Home Fun- fill out form- will be linked in agenda- fill out by next meeting-

7. Accountability and UIP Update (Matt Reynolds)

1. Link presentation
2. Updates- additional screening for reading risk- additional screening has been administered to all kindy students
3. PLC time will be implemented in 26/27 school schedules
4. Self regulated strategy development training (writing)
5. Middle school core reading program
6. Additional data- middle of year, graduation, and dropout
  1. DCSD 4 year grad rate increased to 93.6%- MLL showed great improvement
  2. Iready middle of year results - great improvement in reading, not as much in math

7.

8. Staff Update (Matt Reynolds)

1. DCKID event
  1. April 16 6pm Dyslexia 101 at Lone Tree Library

9. Open Discussion

1. DCSD notebook- podcast available- very informative
2. Review of April DAC agenda- Title funding, budget update, school calendars, licensed evaluation update
3. Meeting schedule for DAC in 26/27

**MINUTES Approved at April 16, 2026 DAC MEETING**

10. Public Comment

1. Question about potential for unionization? No CBA with BOE, but there is a union, but no representation of all teachers

11. Motion to adjourn by Jenn and seconded by Lenaya passed unanimously at 8pm.