Douglas County High School SAC Minutes
September 14, 2026
4:30 pm in DCHS Library

Present: Jarod Nicholson, Jessica Dickson, Nicole Stone, Dr. Veto, Claire Yolton, Devin Jansen, Stephanie Pollock, Anna Mcknight, Jason Bower, Russell West, Selina Carr-McEwen, Jenny Brown

UIP REVIEW

- We are not submitting a UIP this year. We submitted last year.
- Priority Performance Challenges / Priorities taken from ELA PSAT / SAT Scores, Disciplinary Literacy in Math and Trauma Informed Practices
- Root Causes - Lack of alignment between instruction and standards, consistent framework and supports and slack of trauma informed practices
- Improvement Strategies - designated academic and intervention block, align CFA (common formative assessments) to standards and getting trauma informed learning
- Action steps - Classroom 180 PD (Professional Development) to learn about trauma informed practices, targeted student academic supports, & PLCs
- We are looking at student data, going over that during PLCs and identifying students that need interventions and getting them assigned to those intervention groups for 4 - 6 weeks during advisement time.
- NEXT STEPS - Trauma Responsive Classrooms
    - PLC (Professional Learning Community) work - align CFAs for each unit of study. Continue to align grade books. PD for all PLC leads
    - Align PLC and RTI work to strengthen the entire system.
- What is our communication / relationship like with feeder schools to help address some concerns with students that need intervention before they arrive in high school? Working hard to identify correct placement for incoming students so they start out in a class that's a good fit for them.
- How are we measuring the effect of the PLCs and the tiered supports? Data improvement in CFAs should show that.. .

- Question was brought up about travel time opportunities for students to go to other classes during advisement. That travel time doesn't seem to be happening as often as needed. There has been a lot of interruptions to travel time recently due to emergencies, assemblies, club fairs, etc. Might be a good idea to make sure all teachers are honoring kids who haven't been able to access travel time recently.
- PLCs are part of Friday morning late start time so it is required of all teachers. Question was asked how admin keeps track of who is in the building teacher / team wise. There isn't a system where staff "clocks in". Admin is addressing individuals that are known to be leaving / arriving late. Can there be an improvement in how staff are being held accountable to their schedules and assignments?

- Admin team will collect data from the different PLCS and talk about how to support and improve those sessions as well.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Budget was set in January.
- Jared thought each department received the same amount as the year before, but that didn't end up being the case.
- Not every program was assigned the same amount as the year before, so Jared moved funds to make sure each department has roughly the same as they did the previous year. They looked at what each department spent from what they were allocated last year and made sure each department received what they spent last year.
- Once we receive our carry over in October, all departments will receive their "missing" funds.
- Question was asked how it happened that fund amounts changed. It was likely a system user error. The funds didn't disappear they just didn't get allocated correctly. They have been reallocated correctly
- Nike endorsement went to pay for staff apparel so the staff can be walking advertisements.
- Athletics and performing arts can both set up items in the Spirit Store and they can get a percentage back.
- Athletic and Performing Arts Departments are funded by student participation fees and booster club activities.
- Question was asked about a promised match for the band boosters from last year. Activities director will follow up with that. Are fundraising matches a thing? Admin doesn't think so.
- Games and activities may be too pricy for our community. Prices to enter games is the same across the district. We don't set the prices. Can we have like a family activity pass? Is this something the DAC can discuss?

DAC MLO Support

- Should our SAC add our support to the document going out to the public?
- Opinion / Concern was given about how there are so many more things that families are being asked to spend their own money on (transportation, activities, sports) and asking for more money for the district expenses that will affect our property taxes adds more undue stress on families that are already scraping by.
- We will listen to the MLO presentation at the special meeting on 9/15 and 6:00 pm and will vote over email whether or not we will endorse it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Legacyfundraising.org - Similar to Huskie card - idea for possible fundraising for Performing Arts department