Douglas County High School SAC Minutes
October 5, 2026
4:30 pm in DCHS Library

In attendance: Jarod Nicholson, Shawn Larkin, Anna Edge, Claire Yolton, Stephanie Pollock, Anna Macknight, Jenny Brown, Melody Chamberlain

PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Jarod Nicholson

Hosting a car window painting tomorrow, Tuesday 10/6 at 3:25 pm to support the Mill Levy Override. Douglas County Federation is supporting the car painting. Invited Elementary Feeder teachers with their cars. Need volunteers to help paint cars. Jarod Nicholson point of contact. Let him know if you can come and help: jarod.nicholson@dcsdk12.org

Testing schedule Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

IB EVALUATION - Anna Edge

IB Evaluation coming up this year. Document attached.
The goal of the evaluation is to help the program grow, develop and adapt.
Stage 1 and Stage 2 are already complete - typically done the year before the evaluation.
Stage 3 will affect students and parents the most. 3 day visit of classes, facilities. IB students will help give tours and will meet with the evaluators. Parents of IB students will be invited to a meeting with evaluators as well. First week of February. Stage 1 and Stage 2 are already complete.
There will be informational meeting for parents prior to the visit so parents are well-informed.
Question was asked about how many students actually participate in IB
45 - 50% of Juniors and Seniors are taking at least one IB class and exam.
HL's are 2 year classes that are worth 2 - 3 credits.
SL classes are 1 year classes worth 1 year of college credit.
Diploma program students take 6 IB classes and tests over 2 years.
Scholar program students do about half the program, so 3 IB classes and tests over 2 years.
There are also course students that can take just 1 or 2 classes and tests while juniors or seniors. This is new as of a couple years ago causing the number of students taking IB classes to increase greatly.
DCHS receives additional funding from the district for the IB program based off of enrollment in IB classes. The more kids we have enrolled, the more money we get from the district into our SBB for IB. It doesn't come from our own SBB funds, so the IB program doesn't affect our SBB budget - it isn't taking money away from any other program.
Information about IB is shared at the middle school level before they enroll in high school. It's also part of the 8th grade showcase where 8th grade parents come to the school to learn about high school.

TEACHER REPORT - Claire Yolton

Climate and Culture is heading in the right direction. Feeling like there's a more positive outlook overall.

PLC's are meeting every Friday. Are they seeing benefits from this? Yes, the fact that all schools are on a late start, there are fewer students in the building requiring supervision, so more teachers and admin are able to consistently participate in the PLCs. That time is well used.

October count attendance seemed to be higher than other days that week. Yay.

ACTIVITIES and ATHLETICS - Shawn Larkin

Activities - Concerts tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Athletics - Flag Football wrapping up on Friday (10/9) right before the varsity game. FF at 4:30 vs. Chaparral. 4 teams in Douglas county are nationally ranked - DC is one of them! Encouraging students to attend and support! Varsity football game follows at 7:00.

Football team is undefeated!

DCMI - hosted on Saturday. Served as a fund raiser for Marching Band. 18 high schools attended. Very well attended.

Students are being encouraged to attend each other's events to support. It's helping

OTHER ITEMS

*Marquee is a priority. Will be addressed later.

*Curb appeal is a big desire. Baseball team has adopted the front fields next to the road and are mowing them. Flowers will be planted in the spring.

*Getting new quote for Put in Cups for the DC logo to go in the fence alongside the football stadium along the road.

*Camp DC. Staff is in discussions on whether or not this will take place in the Spring. There will be no fall session of Camp DC

*Potentially adding a meeting in January to prepare for IB evaluation

NEXT MEETING

November 9, 2026 - DCHS library

IB Evaluation Overview

Purpose: IB program evaluation helps schools reflect on and continually strengthen their IB programs to better support student learning and success. Through the evaluation process, teachers and school leaders identify what is working well and where there are opportunities for growth. This reflection helps schools make thoughtful decisions about teaching practices, resources, and future priorities. The process also provides valuable feedback and support from the IB, helping the school continue to develop a strong, meaningful IB experience for students. This process involves the entire school community.

Programs: DP and MYP (in conjunction with Mesa)

Stage 1: Preliminary Review
- Submit documentation to show how we align with IB

Stage 2: Self Study, Professional Development Plan
- Surveys and data collection from the community (we did this last year)

Stage 3: In Person Visit
- *When*: Feb 1 - 3, 2027
- *What*: Staff, student and teacher meetings, classroom visits and facility tours with representatives from IB
- *Who*: All staff from DC and MMS, students and parents from DC MYP, DC DP, and MMS MYP

Participants	***Meeting***	***Details***
Students ➔ DCHS MYP ➔ DCHS DP ➔ MMS MYP	Meeting with students	gives the evaluation team insight into the ways that students are experiencing the programme(s).
	The tour of school facilities	helps the team understand the programme context. When planning the tour, emphasize the areas that support the implementation of the programme (for example, library, science laboratories, arts studios, performance spaces, technology labs, exam storage).
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) ➔ DCHS MYP ➔ DCHS DP ➔ MMS MYP	Meeting with parents and legal guardians	gives the evaluation team insight into unique perspectives that these members of the school community have on the programme(s). As with students, it is most useful for the team if diverse voices are included with representation from each year level at the school, if possible. Participants at these meetings should not be school employees.