

DAC Update

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- The Winter Forum is coming up on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at Rock Canyon High School! Please plan to attend with your SACs. Further information will be coming out soon.
- Director Ciancio-Schor discussed the Board of Education's work updating district policies and procedures. They are seeking comments from the community. Please provide yours via [this link](#) on the district website. Since the district is run under a policy governance model, policies guide in all decision-making processes.
- Director Ciancio-Schor also discussed the new strategic plan. Right now, they are working on overviews of each element of the plan (the "whats"), and soon they'll be getting to how each element is accomplished. Be on the lookout for a survey or two!
- Check out the new updates to the [SAC page](#) on the district website. Don't see something you're looking for? Please share your thoughts, the district is looking for feedback.
- Dr. Deanne Kirby attended the meeting to give an update on the CITE and LEAD Focus Group, which deals with licensed educator evaluations. There was a recent staff survey, the results of which should be out soon. The Focus Group is currently examining language and considering how to make meaningful shifts in the CITE Rubric to match the 2020 Colorado Academic Standards language, as well as working on a "Reflection and Coaching Guide" for use with the rubric.
- The membership committee nominated Amy Joyner, a teacher from ThunderRidge High School, to fill the secondary teacher opening. The DAC voted to move her nomination forward to the Board of Education, and she was approved at last night's meeting.
- DCSD CFO Scott Smith and Director of Budget Colleen Doane presented [School Finance 101](#) as it relates to the 2020-2021 academic year. One of the themes in the new strategic plan is the equitable distribution of resources across all DCSD schools. The projected increase from the state for 2020-2021 is one of the smallest increases in years.
- The DAC is responsible to provide input to the Board of Education regarding the spending of school district monies. To that end, DAC's Budget Subcommittee has developed a survey that will be coming out soon. Keep an eye out for it!
- Our table topic this month was DCSD's DRAFT Internal Complaint Resolution Process. Ted Knight and Dr. Carrie Stephenson led the discussion of the draft,

which is modelled after what is used in other school districts and is intended to support parent engagement. They gathered a wide variety of comments on the draft that they will take back to the committee working on it.

- ***Next meeting on TUESDAY, December 10 at 6:30 in the Board Room at 620 Wilcox Street in Castle Rock.***