

District Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
March 26, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Carolina Currea	Adriana Keen
Kathryn Dumoulin	Stacy Long
Kathryn Endorf	Stacie Oyenarte
Chad Essary	Tarena Stanley
Kathrine Faenza	Amy Trask
Mary Ferris Hyde	Keith Watts
Jenn Garrett	Jeff Wilkinson
Taylor Gilfillan	

ABSENT:

Dr. Tyrone Blue	Judi Hebert
Lonika Boston	Ty Keys
Emily Brandel	Nancy Pearl
Julie Brown	Valerie Scott
Sara Felix	Carolyn Woods
Evelyn Foxx	

BOARD MEMBERS: None Present

DISTRICT STAFF: Jackie Johnson, Communications Director
Patty Underwood, Communications Office

**CALL TO ORDER/
WELCOME:** Meeting was called to order at 4:06 by Co-Chair Jenn Garrett
Self-introductions were made by all present.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:** Motion made by Katherine Faenza, seconded by Adriana Keen to approve the minutes of February 21, 2024 meeting.

**DEVELOPMENT OF
RECOMMENDATIONS:** Discussion began on the development of recommendations to send to the superintendent on Mental Health issues such as deans, BRTs, paras, 504s, IEPs, social-emotional curriculum and life management skills.

More feedback for teachers on referrals, understanding the review process and being informed as to why referrals were not approved would be good.

A school-based alternative learning center as an alternative to 10-day suspension would be good with teachers from other schools rotating in.

Motion for a recommendation by Taylor Gilfillan and seconded by Keith Watts.
Amendment to motion by Adriana Keen, seconded by Amy Trask
Passed
Original motion passed with amendment/changes/additions

Mental Health/Behavior Recommendation

The DAC recommends that the superintendent:

- By August 2024 - Initiate a task force with a representative set of stakeholders (to include the student services team) to gather community input around common life management/resiliency challenges for middle and high school students
- By December 2024 - Initiate a feasibility study of implementing a pilot program of life management/resiliency skills in middle school curriculum/ classrooms

Based on the results of the feasibility study:

- If feasible, secure funding and implement a pilot program in the 2025-26 school the following school year in 1-2 schools
- If not feasible - share barriers that exist or other recommendations or ideas

Explanatory Note: The general description of life management skills recommended for review include but are not limited to:

- Healthy relationships with social media/impact of screen time
- Emotional self-regulation
- Stress management
- Effective dialogue/conflict resolution

Motion for a recommendation by Kathryn Endorf and seconded by Adriana Keen.

Amendment to motion by Keith Watts with no objections

Original motion passed with amendment/changes/additions

Final recommendation:

Mental Health/Behavior Recommendation #2

The DAC recommends staffing a Behavioral Resource Teacher (BRT) for every 500 students in all middle and high schools for the 2024-25 school year. If this cannot be implemented, the district would provide information to the DAC on why it is not feasible.

Third potential recommendation was discussed in reference to who decides (individual or team) when a referral is not accepted and that feedback is needed at the school level.

Motion by Amy Trask and seconded by Adriana Keen

To table this subject till next DAC year.

Motion passed

NEXT MEETING:

A motion was made by Keith Watts. (The person who seconded the motion was not noted.) Discussion followed.

Motion passed

Meeting is set for April 25th at 4:00 p.m.

The three co-chairs will vote to approve the minutes from their previous meeting on the April 25th date.

ADJORNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.