



Jan 2024 DAC General Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/11/2024, 6:00 PM –7:30 PM

Location: ZOOM

1. Greetings – Manuel Clark

- Welcome to Jan 2024's DAC Meeting

2. DAC Delegate Testimonials

- Manuel Clark mentions the DAC board to Southeast Middle and Hale Cook Elementary
- Next school tours are Southeast High and Central Middle
- Hale Cook elementary had a food drive that helped many KCMO families and students.
- King Elementary needs help with tutors. A mother who spoke stated that she needed to be connected with additional education support for her child and that other families likely needed additional support as well.
- Southeast High has received a grant from the KCPS Education Foundation! The Family and Community Engagement (FaCE) Liaison at the school, Mr. Farahkhan, received a grant for the community garden. The school also held a Kwanzaa/holiday party at the campus and a social gathering for the athletes.

3. Welcome – Dr. Jennifer Collier

- Welcome all. Thanks to everyone for showing up despite the quick change (moving meeting to 100% virtual instead of hybrid). Discussion about AMI Days and cold weather days. Students do not have to make up AMI (alternative method of instruction) or snow days up to a certain number, according to the State.

4. School Board Representatives – Monica Curls and Jamekia Kendrix

- Welcome
- Navigated through how to find your board member online
- Encouraged attendees to participate in Advocacy Day in Jefferson City (Feb. 6; Feb. 20 in conjunction with St. Louis Public Schools) and engage during the budget cycle.

5. Advocacy Day – Kathleen Pointer

- Advocacy Day trip to Jefferson City to meet with legislators on February 6. Coffee, doughnuts, and transportation will be provided. We will meet early in the AM and return in late afternoon. Training on how to talk to legislators will be provided. Sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/Advocacy2024>.

6. Update on Bond – Nicole Collier-White

7. Inclement Weather Plan and Update on Transportation Issues – Jordan Gordon

- Reviewed inclement weather plan and answered questions
- Transportation is still being monitored by officials.
- Use Marvel Bus app, email Director Dinges

8. Parent and Family Involvement and Engagement Plan – Courtney Adams

- Reviewed components from current plan: what are some barriers to greater family involvement and engagement? How can we better support families with assisting in the learning of your children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers? How can we foster more successful school and family interactions?
- Provide feedback on plan by Feb. 9 to: <https://tinyurl.com/FacePlan>

DAC Delegate Engagement Session

- PTO/PTA/SAC Training Needs: What information would be helpful when starting and/or continuing work as a parent organization.
 - *DAC Leads felt like they never had any "training."*
 - *How does one start a PTA or organization? Many talks on DAC advisors wanting more help on starting their parent organization. They would like to know what KCPS and neighboring district's parent organizations are doing. Members would like some sort of training, maybe a day with the DAC, for this issue.*
 - *Missouri PTA dues are \$4.25*
 - *Summer Becker, Hale Cook parent, asks district about the high number of uncertified teachers in the district. Nicole Collier-White will follow up directly with Ms. Becker.*

9. Wrap Up

- *Two more meetings left in March and May*
- *If anyone would like to present, please reach out to us at email dac@kcpublicschools.org.*

Adjourn Meeting