



16 January 2024

Minutes

3:15- Mitchell Library

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

10 members present. 8 staff members, 2 parents.

District Updates

- District Budgeting Information- JNG
 - [Slides from Superintendent](#)
 - Actions that community members can take to improve budget flexibility and outcomes for Jeffco students: actively vote for Mill Levy and help in communication with other voters the benefits of Mill Levys that include matching inflation. Encourage maximizing the override capacity of the district as a taxing authority as other neighboring districts have.
 - Share the benefits of eliminating the Budget Stabilization Factor at the state level for schools.

School Updates

- School Budget Information
 - Clarification on the role para professionals serve who also support kindergarten classrooms: Kindergarten paras roles function more than an additional adult in the kindergarten classrooms. Kindergarten paras support intervention and extension work for many of our youngest learners. Kindergarten paras have supported instruction that has allowed Mitchell to close the 'gap' on many students who have reading needs early on in their school careers (not only for kindergarten students).
 - Kindergarten enrollment is often slow through the spring and into the fall of next year. The team will create a social media post families can share to support incoming kindergarten families to enroll now to aid in budgeting/staffing decisions and support. These will be shared through PTA and the weekly school communication.
- Input to apply to budgeting

- What are important priorities for our students?
 - Ensuring staffing matches enrollment
 - Keeping class sizes in a comfortable range as much as possible
 - Maintaining current para professional hours and support.
 - Increasing mental health if there is room in the budget

MCAT Chair

Thank you to Emily Tuleja for serving as our school's MCAT chair!

The school-level accountability committee (SAC) serves in an advisory role to the school principal. The school's principal is ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with all federal, state, and district requirements and meeting the academic performance expectations defined by Jeffco Public Schools.

- Makes recommendations to the principal on school priorities for spending school funds prior to adoption of the school budget. This review should ensure that funds and spending priorities align with the school's improvement plans and core values of the school to benefit all students.
- SACs are also expected to annually review and approve the school fees.
- Provides recommendations annually on the school's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP).
- Meets quarterly to review and discuss the implementation and progress of the school's improvement plan.
- On an advisory basis, when requested by the SPAC (Jeffco's District Accountability Committee) and/or district administration, provides input and recommendations concerning principal development plans and the principal evaluation process.
- Assists school personnel to increase the level of parent engagement in the school, especially the engagement from diverse populations.