

CEC Fort Collins 6-12 SAC Meeting

April 15, 2026

4pm

Introductions: Mike Curtis (CEC Windsor Chair), Rebecca Feilmann (Head of School Windsor), Ade Lau (CEC FoCo SAC Chair), Erin Schnider (Parent), Jody Penny, Sarah Inner, Brandy Simmers

Mission Statement:

Colorado Early Colleges' mission is to prepare a diverse population of students for life by developing their mind, body and character through rigorous academic studies, and character development activities in cooperation with the community we serve.

All students, regardless of background or skill level, will have the opportunity to pursue a growth mindset that will allow them to achieve mastery and to demonstrate that they can succeed in school, in college, and in their chosen career.

No Exceptions. No Excuses.

Minutes from February 18,2026-review of minutes

Enrollment Projections

- CEC Windsor will be merging with Fort Collins in next academic year
 - 57 from HS
 - 7 from MS
- Fort Collins Direct (Westminster)-online
- Budget is determined by enrollment
- Enrollment is about half of what it was compared to last year
- As of today, we are 35 under where we should be from an enrollment data standpoint
- We need to enroll as many kids or more for sustainability
- Intent to enroll form sent out
- School has been doing open houses/Town Halls for the Windsor students and families
- Better transition planning for next year
- Back to school night for incoming 9th grade families
- Will be doing student/parent spotlights
- Currently there is no concern that the school won't be a school 26/27
- There's a lot of worry from the students about the changes in the school
- Weld-4 (Windsor/Severance) is the fastest growing community in Northern Colorado, and they also are seeing declining enrollment.

Planning for 26/27 School Year

- Merging into one 6-12 campus next year
- Reduction in Force-goal is to do it one time and then be on a straightforward trajectory
- Network wide we are cutting 30-40% of the budget-this is a 15% reduction in staff

across the network

- Likely a 20-30% reduction in staff between all three schools (Windsor/Fort Collins HS/Fort Collins MS)
- Due to RIF, have moved to one head of school-Cody Pearce
- Mrs. Feilmann will be moving to Fort Collins and will be a Dean of Academics along with Tara Oswald
- Dean of Students-Mr. Knable and Mr. Sheffield will be at each school
- Moving from 6 administrators to 5 in Northern Colorado
- Network went through a robust interviewing process for the schools and are making offers-once changes are finalized communication will occur about the changes.
- Band and Orchestra should be returning next year
- Working on Choir returning
- Looking at advising numbers and where they can offer classes
- Moving to a five day a week structure across the board for all courses/elective classes
 - Increasing Student contact hours
 - Full Classes
 - Full Schedules
- Some teachers may move to .4 or .5 adjunct to meet the needs of classes.
- Data shows that our students do better on campus than when they go off campus
- Looking at releasing scheduling for the fall in May
- Looking to share as much as possible with kids/families by the end of the year so that we can

SAC will make official recommendations during the SAC meetings to administration-the school then needs to make official response.

Invite the Student Council leadership to a SAC meeting-work on fundraising for the school

Targeted fundraising for specific needs

IE Drones, Band, etc

Upcoming Events:

4/15 – Complete most testing, need to do make ups

4/21 -- Windsor Tour of MS and HS

4/22 – Information Night and Tour (4pm at HS, 4:30 at MS)

4/24 -- Spring Musical - **Catch Me if you Can** - 7:00pm at the HS

4/25 -- Spring Musical - **Catch Me if you Can** - 2:00pm & 7:00pm at the HS

5/2 -- Prom - 6:30pm - 9:30pm at Windsong Event Estate

5/5 – Choir Concert MS/HS Fort Collins 6:30 pm

5/4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/7 – Band/Orchestra Concert 6:00pm

5/8 – Friday Chippers Lane FUNdraiser (Horsetooth)

5/11 to 5/14 – Finals Week

5/13 – 8th grade promotion

5/18 -- Graduation - Rehearsal at 8:45am - Ceremony at 10:30am