

February 18, 2026

The meeting started at 4:33 pm

Present: Jeremiah Way (Parent/Staff), Amanda Griffith (Parent), Toni Patton(Parent), Kamina Johnson(Parent), Jeana Pimental (Parent), Allison Baker (Parent), Sarah Ener (Parent/Staff), Brandy Simmers(Parent), Gordon Boschman-Head of School at High School; Cody Pearce Head of School at Middle School

Overview of SAC

Welcome/Introductions

Mission Statement

Last meeting updated SAC on the Unified Improvement Plan. Focus areas: Multilanguage Learners, alignment of math curriculum (Big Ideas Curriculum). Also discussed were language classes and the future of additional classes. Business course pathway (will have 4 classes next year). Canvas: the course management system.

Celebrations:

High School Celebrations

- Robotics Tournament-44 teams participated. Four of the 11 teams made it to the semifinal round, and 3 of the 4 teams won awards. Currently, CEC HS has three Teams will be attending the state tournament.
- Dean's list reinstated at the HS-102 students met the criteria for Dean's list 3.7GPA-students will receive a certificate and will be honored
- HS has two students who participated in the state Honor Choir.
- Band students will be traveling to NY this summer

Middle School Celebrations

- Middle School Robotics team-2 of the MS teams are going to the state competition
- 73 students at MS made the Dean's list; will celebrate the end of the yearboth fall and spring Dean's list, and character awards.
- Four students made the honor state band at the MS!
- One student made the honor choir as well!

New Staff

HS-Juda Davis, new Security Officer. Previous student and veteran of the Army.

Aiden Hefferman has moved to a security officer while Filkins is out on paternity leave.

An additional tutor started at the MS as well

Planning 26-27/Budget Priorities

- In Northern Colorado, we have experienced a steady decline in student enrollment across school districts (PSD and TSD) over the last five years.
- CEC has declining enrollment across the same time period

- Both PSD and TST enrolled 500 fewer students this year than last year, mostly at the Elementary level.
- CEC Fort Collins (MS/HS and College Direct out of Westminster)-from a high of 1250 in 2020 have experienced a steady decline over the past 5 years to about 900.
 - Current funding is per pupil funding, not a lot of other funding options in the network
 - Reasons for this include: declining birth rate, people moving out of Northern Colorado due to the rising cost of living, and possibly moving to online school
- As a result, CEC Fort Collins experienced their first deficit this school year.
 - In previous years, we had other funding sources.
 - MyTechHigh, the previous college program, brought in other funding, but CDE stopped funding this program as the students were in another state. Closed 2024 and impacted funding across the network
 - The school needs to make structural changes to right-size the school and balance the budget
 - Will need to adjust staffing to match declining enrollment
 - Will continue to try to keep classes at 24 students
 - Currently, they are offering a significant number of classes with 15 or fewer students. Goal is to offer classes with 21-24-Average of 21 students per class.
 - Building a master schedule of courses differently than they have done in the past-this is the reason behind the structural changes of advising. Gathering information about academic goals/desires to build classes that are more full and sustainable. The goal is to finish advising meetings by April 3.
- As a result, the school will need to reduce staffing.
- Admin has been as up front as possible to staff. Looking to try to encourage kids to take as many classes in the building as possible.
 - Will be fewer sections of classes
- Looking to try to right-size the school in the fairest way possible. Overall budget is 35-40% of the budget, and they are at the highest level.
- Windsor CEC will be closing at the end of the year
 - 60 students from CEC HS are planning to come to CEC HS. These may not be sustainable students year over year, though.
- Advertising for the school to build enrollment
 - Advertising at the movies
 - Word of mouth is the number one way to build enrollment, based on surveys. It might be helpful to have elevator speeches/ cards to hand out about the school and the goals/positives.
 - Marketing with Professionals-Certain professionals might be able to share with their clients the financial benefits of CEC. The group brought up the idea of offering marketing on the calendar or in our newsletter.
 - CPA's
 - Financial Advisors
 - Realtors