

Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning
Developing Healthy Compassionate Scholars!
April 9th 2026 – 3:45– 5:00 pm
District Accountability Committee Meeting

Location: Library

Meeting start: 3:49pm

Agenda Items

1. Approval of February meeting minutes- approved

2. Executive Director Updates:

a. Enrollment Updates

As of today, we have 283 total kids for next year (oct count last year was 276). Budgeting for 270.

- Full: k, 1, 2, 4,5,6, 9 (have 29!!), have 16 seniors (won't take new ones)
- Need: 3rd grade- 2 seats, 7th- three seats, 10th- 13 seats 11th- 4 seats,
- Refer a kid: word as "you get your deposit back if you send someone"
- Other advertising options: nextdoor, spotify ads, co public radio ads
- Should we look back at Cherry Creek? Maybe not because of the drama right now...
- Website celebration- updates: parentsquare and announcements linked

b. Budget Planning

- Posting for Dean of Culture and Instruction position (dean vs director saves us some money)
- Director of Operations- Lindsey (staying)
- Director of Community and Culture- Josh hired!
- ED- Tiffany (staying)
 - Cathy's idea: Could we make a flow chart of what each person will do? So parents will know who to go to for different things...
- Cutting back on EL partnership to save some money- cutting our support by 50% (\$30k total)
- Still using Lanae (EL School designer) for 7 days- will be: planning and collecting data, school designing, plan and refine upcoming expeditions for 3 hours at a time with teachers that need the support
- Support for MS team- they want it. We want to help them "EL" what they are doing. They get 2 days in May to plan together for next year. We are "reinvisioning" middle school.
- Working on strengthening the portfolios across whole building
- Hoping to use auction money for literacy curriculum K-3 Amplify (\$20k) and Amplify Science curriculum for MS (\$15k)- looked at Wonder curriculum and a few others
- Going to use Illustrative Math for 2-5 - FREE!

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c. Personnel Updates

- Have 2 teachers leaving (7/8th math and 1st)
- Hired Mitchell Peterson for math $\frac{7}{8}$ math
- Hired Josh Sucherman for BT's job- great experience and energy
- Excited about candidates for Dean of Culture
- Simms is leaving :(Have good candidates for 1st (12 initial interviews set up)

d. Work Plan Progress

- Come back to this next meeting

3. Fieldwork Fees

- Rethinking some of the crew trips (should they be shortened in spring? What could be done to make them less expensive?)
 - Additional thoughts: could we move when HS takes place to better accommodate kids who play spring sports at other schools?
- Hoping to have fee increase recs for Aug-Sep meetings so we can talk before we present increase to the Board
- Request to have landmark years put into fees? Everyone agrees this would be helpful. Really uncomfortable for teachers to have to ask for money, and teachers feel it was be easier to play if they just knew how much money they had up front
- We think parents want to keep the trips - would be willing to pay (possibly even more), but should tell parents at the beginning of the year if there will be additional costs.
- Could we connect a fundraiser to the curriculum on exhibition night (like empty bowls)?
- Could we fundraise the years there are landmark trips?

a. Ideal Fee Structure for next year- next meeting

b. Crew Trip fees- next meeting

i. Crew trip review- next meeting

c. Financial Aid Structures- Kat will email options

d. Next Steps

4. DAC Bylaws- Says "draft" bc we never voted to adopt

a. Review responsibilities- no changes

b. Discuss any recommended revisions- none

5. DAC Meeting Schedule 26/27 school year- keep same cadence for next year - Kat will pull dates from the calendar: do we add a March meeting?

- a. 2026 August, September, October, November
- b. 2027 February, April

6. DAC Membership review-

- Need to look at what roles we are filling and does anyone want to roll off? Anyone interested in joining?
- Sam will roll off. Will need a new staff person (CLT member has option to join DAC)

a. Recruitment for next year

- i. Parents/grade levels currently:
- ii. Student Council
- iii. School staff

7. High School Task Force Updates

8. Other Business - from February Meeting

-How many people filled out survey? 59

-Alby- how are things going with him?

-Should we revisit Cherry Creek Schools for partnership? Decided no at this time

-RMSEL reviews - can we reach out to companies and see if people will remove bad reviews from a long time ago? - didn't get to this- next meeting

9. Next Meeting:

August 2026

Meeting adjourned: 5:02pm