

Parent Advisory Committee
DATE: Thursday March 5th, 2026
Open House
TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

1. Welcome 5:08 pm
 - a. Introducing our new Learning Center Coordinator: Fred Arroyo
 - i. Fred has worked in education for nearly 30 years. He has four boys and enjoys listening to pop, jazz, and classical music. He loves karaoke, spending time outdoors, traveling, camping and watching a good documentary.
 - b. WASC aka Western Association of schools and colleges 5:12 pm
 - i. What is the accreditation process?
 1. Reflection of programs
 2. Review of data
 3. Set and plan for new goals
 - ii. 5:15 pm Here are our goals
 1. DSCS will strengthen and expand professional development opportunities focused on instructional approaches, with an emphasis in mathematics, to address identified needs in student achievement and proficiency.
 2. DSCHS will strengthen student postsecondary readiness by creating a plan for every student to meet the college and career indicator.
 - a. Ms.Bonilla asked if anyone in the group has taken a college course. A student answered that she enjoyed Ms. T-wallace's dual enrollment class which helped her think about her career choices. This conversation went towards the benefits of taking dual enrollment courses in high school for free.
 3. DSCHS will build students' capacity to succeed in an independent study environment by developing skills that extend beyond the classroom and empower students for real world success.
 4. DSCHS will focus on increasing student credit completion to ensure adequate pacing toward high school completion.
 - a. 5:16 pm Ms.Bonilla and Ms. Julee explains our "5 is a vibe" campaign and what that means in terms of credit completion towards earning a high school diploma within four years.

- b. Ms. Bonilla paused to ask the group what they think about the four goals. Everyone agreed these are good goals. A suggestion was made to have an anonymous idea box for students who are shy to share their ideas
 - c. What would you like to see happen at our school to help meet these goals? 5:19 pm
 - i. Activities
 - ii. Events
 - iii. Course Offerings
 - iv. Community Presenters
 - d. We need parent volunteers
 - i. Tuesday, April 21st 8:30 am - 9:30 am
 - ii. Speak on your experience with our school
 - iii. Refreshments will be provided
 - iv. Ms. Bonilla explained why we need parent volunteers
 - e. 5:21 pm The Phone Free school Act
 - 1. Effective April 27th, Desert Sands will be implementing the Yondr pouches
 - 2. Students will be required to put all Smart Devices (watches, earbuds, and phones) in the pouches
 - 3. Ipads cannot be locked away, however students will not be able to use them on campus due to having similar functions. Items will be carried by the student and can be retrieved when they checkout for the day.
 - ii. A visual is shown of what the phone pouches will look like and how they work. 5:25 pm
 - 1. A student asks “what if I’m in a class such as the new film class that I need to use my phone?” Ms. Bonilla explains that if your phone is required for the work to be done, then you will be allowed to use it.
 - iii. FAQs
 - 1. What happens in an emergency?
 - a. In the event of an emergency such as a fire or an earthquake, phone pouches will be unlocked and students will regain access to their phones. Also, all teachers have work cell phones with which parents can be contacted.
 - 2. How will my student message me when it is time to get picked up?
 - a. Since our program is appointment based, the pick up time should be routine. However, if a student is ready for pick

up, they will be able to have their pouch unlocked in the front desk to contact their parent or guardian.

3. My child focuses better with music. How will they be able to do that without their earbuds?
 - a. We have ordered many pairs of wire headphones with which students will be able to plug into their chromebooks to listen to music that way. All teachers will be given multiple pairs of headphones for their caseloads.

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1. 5:27 pm Mr. Fred Arroyo walks in and introduces himself, then picks the winner of the raffle.

v. Adjourn 5:30 pm