



**Mountain Ridge Middle School
School Accountability Committee (SAC) Agenda
September 8, 2026**

Purpose:

School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meetings are designed to **inform, encourage** and **provide opportunities** for parent and community members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement process. SAC bylaws can be found on the MRMS website ([MRMS SAC Bylaws](#))

Minutes from the meetings are posted on the MRMS website subsequent to the meeting date and upon review and approval of the committee ([MRMS SAC Minutes](#)).

Attendees:

Alison Shanor, Principal
Gillian Canada
Bianca Smith
Lindsey Retterer

Meeting Agenda Slide Deck: [LINK](#)

What is our (SAC) Purpose?

- Be sounding board for principals on budget priorities and UIP (strategic plan for the school)
- Increase engagement with parent community and gather feedback
- Should compose of a minimum of 7 voting members with parents outnumbering all other representative groups
- Officer roles include chair, vice-chair, principal, recorder, and DAC liaison
- SAC does not handle personnel, student discipline, or individual cases
- *Alison will put out in the newsletter a call for nominations for officers. She also will inquire if 9am second Tuesday of the month is a good meeting time vs. 7am before school.*
- Reviewed SAC meeting schedule timeline (see slide deck)
- The school district has new budget software that will hopefully make reviewing individual school budgets easier this year.

Academic Celebrations

- 64.4 SPF (School Performance Framework) score
- Ranked #1 in 8th grade achievement for DCSD (Math 67%, ELA 75%)
- Ranked #2 in 7th grade achievement for DCSD (Math 58%, ELA 70%)
- Leadership is working with staff on MRMS Instructional Walkthrough (see slide deck)
 - This works through how a student shows their thinking
 - CLARITY: What are students learning?
 - THINKING: Who is doing the cognitive work?
 - SHOWING: How are students demonstrating their thinking?

- One of the areas MRMS staff are finding students are struggling with is the “Transfer” skill. Students will learn a new concept or skill and demonstrate understanding it in a straightforward example. “Transfer” is being able to apply that concept or skill to different scenarios that are not straightforward.
- Overall core focus for MRMS staff this year is:
We want every student—not just the students who raise their hands—to regularly demonstrate what they know and understand. That might happen through writing, modeling, solving, explaining, creating, or representing.

Proposed 2026 Mill Levy Override (MLO) - \$54 Million

- This year’s MLO request has 4 facets:
 - Teachers & Staff
 - Teachers and licensed staff - 4% increase in salaries
 - Support staff (classified) - 4% increase in salaries
 - Substitutes - \$10 increase in daily pay rate
 - Post-retirement employees (110/140) - 2% increase
 - All increases will be retroactive to July 1, 2026
 - School Security
 - Support increasing cost of SROs since DCSD pays for half the cost
 - Have all elementary schools have their own SROs or reduce the 1 SRO for every 3 elementary schools ratio
 - CTE & Trades
 - Currently only 1 in 3 students interested in CTE or trades can get in
 - Programming
 - Restore student programming such as instrumental music in elementary schools
- This year’s polling data looks favorable
- Cost to taxpayers: on average it would be \$33.70 per year (\$2.81 per month) for every \$100,000 in home value.

Miscellaneous

- Pros and cons of having 6th grade in middle school: new positive energy from new staff. All pods have a mix of new and old staff.
- Admin staff is fully staffed so it feels more like they are leading the school vs. trying to keep the building running.
- Lunch is hard with 3 sessions. This is typical of surrounding middle schools.
- Alison budgeted for 1000 students and as of the meeting has 1025 students. 8th grade is the largest and 6th grade is the smallest.
- Traffic continues to be the same (not great) but was not made significantly worse with the addition of a whole grade.

Next SAC Meeting: Oct. 13, 2026 - Time TBD. Officer elections and review draft UIP