

Stober Elementary
PIE Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Attendance: Anne DiCola, Sarah Snow, Patty Navarez, Tara Hammar, Chris Cassidy, Sarah Horsefield, Courtney Greenelaf, Heather Fassino, Mindy Wells, Audra Post, Sara Galloway, Tamara McTavish

Welcome and Agenda:

- Introductions, recorder, timekeeper
- Reviewed what is a School Accountability Committee (SAC)? – It is an advisory committee. It is required that all schools have this committee.
 - Roles are Principal, SAC chair, recorder.
 - All are welcome.
 - Responsibilities – advisor on budget, Unified Improvement Plan, and parent/family/community engagement.
 - 6 meetings per year
 - Introduced Heather Fassino as a DAC representative. DAC is the district level accountability committee.
 - Student Based Budgeting. Currently we receive 7,731 per student. There is a sliding scale for size of school. It is extremely important that families complete the Student Benefits application even though the district has free meals. If the family qualifies it will waive any school fees, including field trips, and Stober receives more money.

2026-2027 District Budget Information:

- Our current budget is based off of 359 students, and our target is 364.
- The School Board's recommendation reducing 45 million short fall by a possible 15 million Mill Levy along with program and employee cuts.
 - Their idea is to keep cuts as far from classrooms/schools as possible.
 - Position cuts in Central office – will be announced in November.
 - School Based Staff – recommendation in cuts announced in January.
 - February – March – Internal hiring only.
 - Reductions will be effective in June.
 - Stober is a medium size school, the factor is different. We will be reducing staff here.
- Reasons for negative budget. Continuing declining enrollment. There will be virtual and in person budget labs on October 27, from 5pm-7:00pm in person at Arvada High School and on 10/29 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Carmody Middle School.
- PTA can help offset expenses, not teachers but with materials and paras.

School Safety:

- Stober has a locked entry and a secure vestibule. All visitors must sign in. We have increased staff presence. We are scheduled for a lockdown drill on October 24.

Data Presentation:

- Reviewed District Vision, School-wide Data and the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)
 - MAP Testing: At end of year last year 67% of K-3rd students were at or above benchmark and 65% for 4th and 5th grades, 74% reached their goal. 76% of KG-3rd were at or above benchmark!
 - Reviewed growth goals.
- Belonging survey, 2nd-5th grades took the survey and feelings that they belonged were down. The questions on the survey are confusing; this may be playing a role in the outcome.
- Reviewed CMAS. Very Proud of achievement and growth of our students. ***This is our 4th year in a row to be Blue in growth.***
- UIP Goals for this year are: 71% (KG-3rd) will be at or above in DIBLES, 65% 4th & 5th will be at or above in Math and 75% Sense of Belonging (survey).
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Kindergarten /Choice Info.:

- Kindergarten and Choice Information night is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Upcoming PIE meetings: 11/12, 1/14, 3/11, 4/8