

Montbello High School

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Collaborative School Committee

2025 - 2026

Montbello High School Vision Statement

Montbello High School prepares students to be the next generation of leaders and disruptors who execute systemic and positive change throughout our community and the world.

Montbello High School Mission Statement

As a focal point of our community, Montbello High School partners with our families, community and alumni to implement comprehensive learning that honors the past, present, and future of our Montbello Community. Montbello High School provides experiences that are academically robust and anti-racist. We are unified in our relentless focus on multicultural education, innovative and interdisciplinary teaching and learning, restorative approaches, and the amplification of student voice.

October 8th, 2024 - 4:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Code:

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/yrn-qtgo-rxm>

Or dial: (US) +1 267-358-6355 PIN: 137 040 054#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/yrn-qtgo-rxm?pin=1947542531582>

Attendees:

Richard Elkind - Assistant Principal, Jeronimo Alvarez - Principal Resident, Wade Cole - Teacher, Chris Urias - Community Member, Montbello Organizing Committee, Ariane Brown - Community Organization (Denver Kids)

Agenda:

Introductions

Richard Elkind - AP

Jeronimo Alvarez - Principal Resident

Ariane Brown - Community Organization (Denver Kids)

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Wade Cole - MHS Teacher

Chris Urias - Community Member

Overview of [CSC Bylaws](#)

-recommended bylaws from DPS have been adopted, these are being sent to committee members for a review if we need any changes.

Minutes:

CSC Bylaws

Scope of meeting: Logistics and foundational items. CSC Bylaws link was dropped in the chat. Guests were invited to check documents and bring adjustments or changes for the next meeting. These Bylaws are the traditional laws that DPS approves and were vetted by last year's MHS's CSC. Introductory items of CSC were explained (school members, community members, parents(currently missing)). Primary items to discuss at the meeting: UIP (unified improvement plan), spending, budget, enhance student achievement and school culture.

Questions- Community member(Chris): Requested update on changes regarding hiring shifts. Wondering how the students and community members are feeling with new adjustments.?

New literacy department and literacy strategic plan was explained. Hiring of literacy interventionists, partnering with Lexia.

Question - Community member (Ariane -Denver Kid) After checking the bylaws is wondering about student voice in CSC and what we are doing as a school to incorporate a student.

CSU will bring this as an item for our next meeting to discuss with Mrs. Lynch.

-Class numbers (35 caps)

Facilitator explained DCTA regulations regarding class number was offered. Explained to committee that currently we have 1 class that is above the 35 cap. (Sports/PE credit

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class 7th period). Roster is currently at 49 and is populated by student athletes as a support class to ensure students remain eligible. This class was approved by SLT last year.

Question by Community member (Chris): What time is period 7? Is there opportunity for other organizations to come in during that time period or after school?

The facilitator provided an explanation regarding the 7th period as it relates to the bell schedule. Mr. Wade was pointed as a contact person to get partnerships going. DSF was also presented as an additional partner to get workshops going (financial literacy). Community member is currently partnering with DSH members.

-Future meeting dates

The following dates were shared with the committee:

Dates for next meetings: December 10th, January 28th (Budget), March 18th, May 13th.

Facilitator closes meeting and opens floor for questions.

Question - Community member (Ariane -Denver Kid): How are students accessing the Math interventionists?

Math interventionist is currently supporting 9th graders in hopes of being proactive in the identification and support of instructional needs. 10th and upper classmen are being supported through tutoring (Supervised lunch and Saturday School).

End of minutes.

Overview of purpose of CSC

-CSC is a state law, DPS calls it a Collaborative School Committee

-required members:

- principal or designee
- teacher

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- community organization
- 3 or more parents
 - parents not in attendance, will be in future meetings
- CSC discusses guidance to principal on spending, UIP, and anything else additional
- main function is to enhance student achievement and our school culture
- this committee provides strategic direction in support of mission, vision, UIP, etc.
- budget presentation happens in the Spring
 - committee approves or makes suggestions on shifting

Review roster verification process

- major agenda item of night
- per DCTA contract all classrooms must be 35 students or less with minimal exceptions
- ALL classes are currently under 35 students with the exception of one class
 - the one class with over 35 was approved by SLT in the spring, it is a PE class featuring Montbello athletes
 - students are rostered at 49 but she does not see 49 every day
 - this was approved by SLT and the teacher
 - coaches pull students from this class
 - students ineligible go to Mr. Cole for support

Review upcoming CSC dates

DECEMBER 10th

JANUARY 28th

MARCH 18th

MAY 13th

- quick turnaround for 2nd meeting, as we will meet in December
- meet in January for programming discussions and budget meeting

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-next meeting will be UIP discussion and we want the expertise of the committee to support us on priorities

-UIP has been submitted to CDE in early September, and it was approved