

## APPROVED MINUTES

### Wyatt Academy Board Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Location: Principal's Office  
& GoogleMeet

**Moderator:** Lyle Whitney

**Chat Monitor:** Aisha Lloyd

**Notes:** Terry Usry

**Attendees:**

**Board:** Alicia Biggs, Aisha Lloyd, Terry Usry, Lyle Whitney

**Guests:** Carol Bower, Brandon Chrisp, Maria Estrada, Sarah Grant, Nicola Jackson, Melody Means, Lisa Stuhlmiller

5:00 Welcome (Lyle Whitney)

5:01-5:10 Budget & Finance (Brandon Chrisp)

- July Financials  
242 enrolled; budget currently based on a budget of 244
- FY25-26 Financials  
Auditing the draft budget; will present results in October

5:10-5:11 Public Comment

None

5:11-5:23 Denver Families School Board Election (Carol Bowar)

- Carol reviewed the work that Denver Families does (i.e. direct service work with schools, direct funding/grants to schools, charter school advocacy, policy work, leadership engagement, community engagement, school board membership training)
- Denver Families vision: All students should have access to high performing schools
- Charter Collaboration efforts include DPS Collaboration Council & Denver Charter Coalition
- The DPS school board  
7 members: 5 representing regions (Wyatt is in district 5), 2 at-large members  
4 yr terms, staggered, 2 consecutive term limit, annual stipend  
Overview of board purpose, organization, oversight

- Important: as a 501c3, we can inform our community of candidates and elections, but we cannot endorse candidates.

5:23-5:52 Board Business

- Vote to approve minutes from 7/18 Board Meeting (Terry)

*Terry made a motion to approve the July 18 Board Meeting minutes*

*Alicia seconded*

*Motion approved*

- Strategic Planning Update (Aisha & Lyle)

Strategic Planning project on track

Have received teacher, staff, and board feedback

Next step: create mission and vision statements using feedback from all stakeholders; leadership team will have integral part in this step

Goal: finalize by Oct/Nov and launch

We will focus on the bigger strategic plan in the second half of school year

Note: the preschool across the street has closed. It served about 20 students. Lyle and Melody are having discussions with Urban Land Conservatory (which owns the building) and others to understand the impact on the community and Wyatt.

- General Committee Updates

Fundraising (Aisha and Lyle)

McGowan \$40,000 grant was awarded to Wyatt, but this will be the last year we receive it as the foundation is modifying its focus.

Lyle continuing work on Denver Historic grant for masonry and window repair. October submission.

5:52-6:36 Updates from Lead Team (Melody, Lisa, Sarah and Maria)

- Celebrations (Sarah)

Summer Institute went well: we are fully staffed!

First day of school!

Teachers setting expectations with students

- Who is in the building (Melody)

STAFF: 36 staff members

Demographics: roughly 47% White, 27% Hispanic, 17% Black, 5% Latino & Multi  
Ages: vary widely and pretty evenly across age groups  
Where they grew up: Most from midwest (34%), 25% from east coast, 20% from west coast, 17% from south

#### STUDENTS:

- 239 today, but varies by several students each day
- Demographics:
  - 149 Hispanic students (vs 156 last year)
  - 56 Black students (vs 45)
  - 23 White students (vs 20)
  - 1 Hawaiian (1 last year)
  - 2 Alaskan (vs 1)
  - 8 Multi
- Number of students per grade
  - Kinder 41 this year (in 2 classrooms) vs. 50 (in 3 classrooms)
  - 1st 42 (vs. 45 last year)
  - 2nd 43 (vs 33)
  - 3rd 35 (vs 38)
  - 4th 38 (vs 42)
  - 5th 42 (vs 25)
- Other categories:
  - 44 Students with disabilities (18.4% of students)
  - 68 Multilingual Learners (28.5%)
  - 11 Gifted and Talented (4.6%)
- Enrollment Update (Maria)
  - 242 registered as of today
  - 246 enrolled
- 2025-26 SY Kickoff Updates-2025-2026 Goals, etc. (Melody)

#### DATA

Briefly reviewed CMAS reading and math growth goals again as the 49% growth in math is relevant to SPF  
DPS Reporting and Accountability report  
Missed meeting expectations by 1% in CMAS math which puts us in the Approaching Expectations category

Leadership Team Strategic Planning and Goals review

Thematic Goal: "Driven by Data - Wild about Growth"

Goal 1: State Accountability

Goal 2: Student Growth Goal

Big Rock 1: Data Driven Instruction

Big Rock 2: Constructive Environment

New Initiatives:

1. The Together Teacher (book and techniques to avoid overwhelmed/overscheduled teachers)
2. STEAM Days and Collaborative Art Projects
3. Data Days
4. Behavior Lead

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