DETROIT LAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes | October 5, 2026

Meeting Time: 4:45–6:00 p.m. **Location: Middle School Media Center**

Attendance: Mark Jenson, Pam Daly, Tiffany Brown, Chelsea Manke, Lyndsy Jacobus, Lynnsey Wimmer-Machakaire, Marjorie Berg, Erika Carrasco, Cara Myers, Kris Swenson, Rhonda Fode, Maggy Doll, Mike Suckert, Sandy Nelson, Mary Rotter

1. Welcome and Council Purpose

New members were introduced. The council discussed its overall purpose and advisory role.

2. Academic Standards and District Responsibilities

Members reviewed the respective roles of the State of Minnesota and local school districts in establishing academic standards and determining their implementation.

3. Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Report (CACRR)

The council reviewed the district's CACRR. Discussion included how educational data are interpreted and used to inform instruction, clarification of Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs), and a review of the full report's sections and associated data. This report aligns with the Strategic Plan and the District Annual Report. It will be posted on the district website.

4. Achievement and Integration (A&I) Plan

As part of the CACRR discussion, the council received an overview of A&I activities completed during the 2025–26 school year and work planned for 2026–27.

5. Federal Title Programs

Members received an overview of how Title funding is used in Detroit Lakes Public Schools.

6. Family Engagement – Title I Funding

Maggy Doll shared examples of family engagement opportunities developed in alignment with Title I expectations. Members were asked to reflect on the district's work and related funding sources and bring ideas for family engagement to our next meeting.

7. Next Meeting and Anticipated Topics

The next meeting is anticipated in January or February 2027. In early January, Renee will email a Google poll to determine the date. Planned topics include family engagement, additional community partnerships, the instructional materials selection process, and building goal updates. Items identified in the meeting "parking lot" will also be considered.