



## DAC (District Advisory Council) Meeting

**Purpose:** Provide a forum to share information, exchange ideas, and engage in meaningful dialogue with parents regarding District initiatives, programs, and services

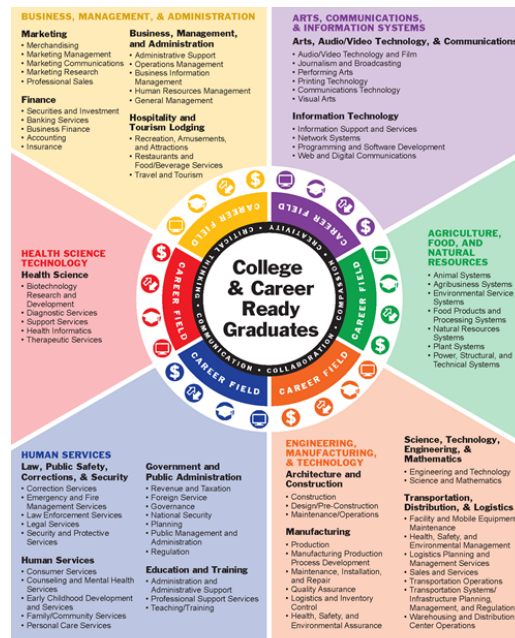
Please submit topics for discussion to Faith Ann Farber at [faith.farber@carbondalearea.org](mailto:faith.farber@carbondalearea.org)

**Non-Purpose:** This form is not intended to be a forum to discuss personal/individual issues.

### AGENDA MINUTES

November 20, 2024

#### I. Career Pathways



Adapted with permission from the Minnesota Department of Education, Career Fields, Clusters & Pathways, Information Sheet, 2016

- Rigor across the District
- Importance of Career Pathways
- Feedback on course selection- elementary and secondary
  - Elementary- science, social studies; transition from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade; Mathematics Common Core
  - Secondary- Study Skills, Teams, and Gradebook student training, language elective in jr. high; Speech, science electives, Driver's Ed, Weight room
- Communication- Suggestion for Class Deans to communicate more to parents
- Communication- Kudos given for getting items out such as CASD Weather Trivia
- Parent Conferences- Suggestion for during the day parent conferences so parents have more access to teachers
- Question posed about forms online and where they can be found, i.e. NHS Service Hours
- PA Future Ready and SPP scores are public. Visit: <https://futurereadyypa.org/>
  - Nice gain across the District. Reading, data focus, and student conferencing has assisted in growth.

#### II. Weight Room and Gymnasium Update

# CARBONDALE AREA

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

**PHASE 1:**

- BLEACHER REPLACEMENT
- PAINTING

**PHASE 2 AND 3:**

- PAINTING
- SAFETY PADDING REPLACEMENT
- SANDING OF COURTS
- SIGNAGE UPGRADES

**GYMNASIUM UPDATE**

BLEACHERS WERE ORDERED IN SPRING AND DELAYED. WE RECEIVED THE BLEACHERS ON NOVEMBER 6, AND INSTALLATION HAS BEGUN!

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR OUR ATHLETIC TEAMS TO USE THE ELEMENTARY GYM AND, IF NEEDED, OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS.

BLEACHER COMPLETION TARGET DATE IS THE THIRD WEEK OF DECEMBER



**Weight Room Renovation Update**

The Weight Room Project has been completed and is available for student use November 20, 2024.

*Athletes should talk with their coach regarding weight room usage. Students should discuss weight room availability with Mr. Gabriel.*

#AlwaysACharger

- Pool area, for the most part, is used for storage. Baseball/softball throwing/batting cage in pool area.

### III. School Calendar

JUNE '25						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

3 Last day of School  
 4-6 Snow Make up Days  
 6 Commencement Tentatively scheduled for June 6, 2025 and will be confirmed in April 2025.

1/180 Student Days  
 1/184 Teacher Days

Approved 4/15/24

First Day of School  
 Last Day for Students  
 Teacher Inservice Days/Students not in Attendance  
 Students/Teachers No School  
 Early Dismissal – CAEA Day  
 Snow Make-up Days

**Early Dismissal Times: Elementary 12:20 PM High School 12:40 PM. CTC students will follow the CTC calendar.**

- Used one make-up day already on September 13, 2024.
- Discussion held about instructional time and Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs). FID application was completed last school year. With the change of instructional time, CASD does not anticipate the need to use FIDs, but FIDs would be available, if needed. Visit: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/education/resources/policies-acts-and-laws/basic-education-circulars-becs/purdons-statutes/instructional-time-and-act-80-exceptions.html>

### IV. Topics for Next Meeting

- Complete Survey (3 Questions) by THIS Friday, November 22, 2024  
<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/64wRgJ0ve5>
- Agenda items to FaithAnn Farber

#### Topics posed by Parents for next meeting:

- Science and social studies curriculum at Elementary
- Amplify
- Elementary Report Cards- “Satisfactory” vs. numerical grades

*Next Meeting: March 19, 2024, at 6:15 PM.  
 Place: Jr./Sr. High School Library*