

# Board Committee Member Feedback Survey

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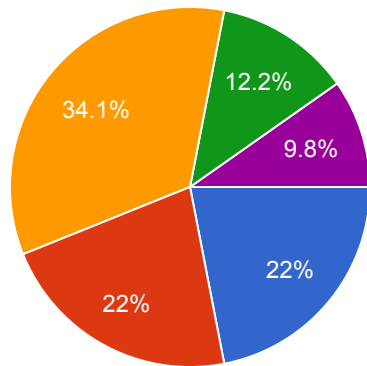
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## Section 1: Committee Role and Purpose

Which committee do you serve on?

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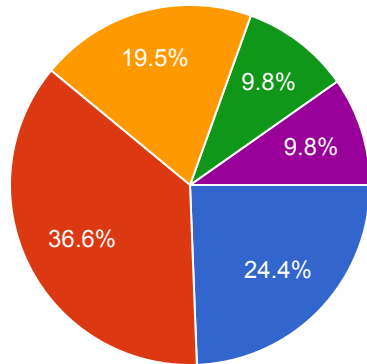


- District Accountability Committee (DAC)
- Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)
- Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
- Mill and Bond Oversight Committee (MBOC)
- Student Advisory Group (SAG)

How long have you served on this Committee?

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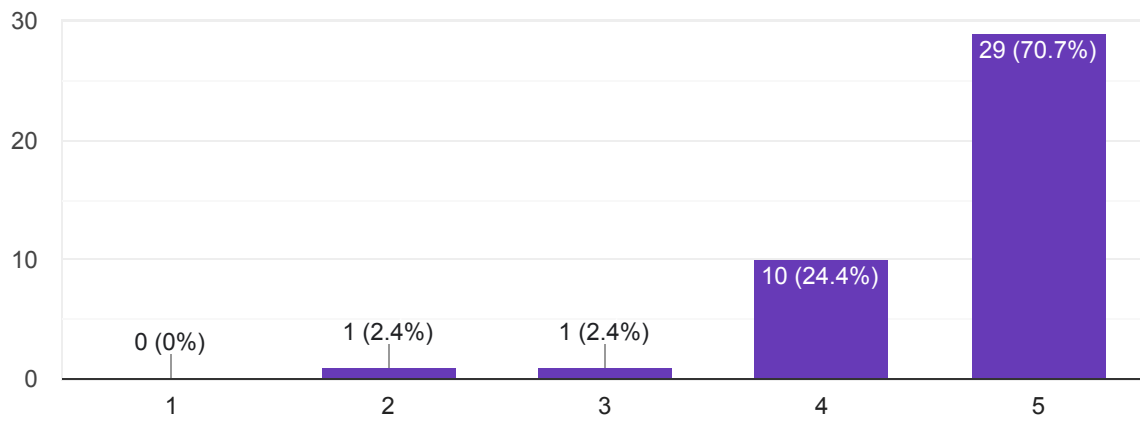
- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 3-4 years
- 5-6 years
- 7-8 years



I clearly understand the purpose and charge of the committee.



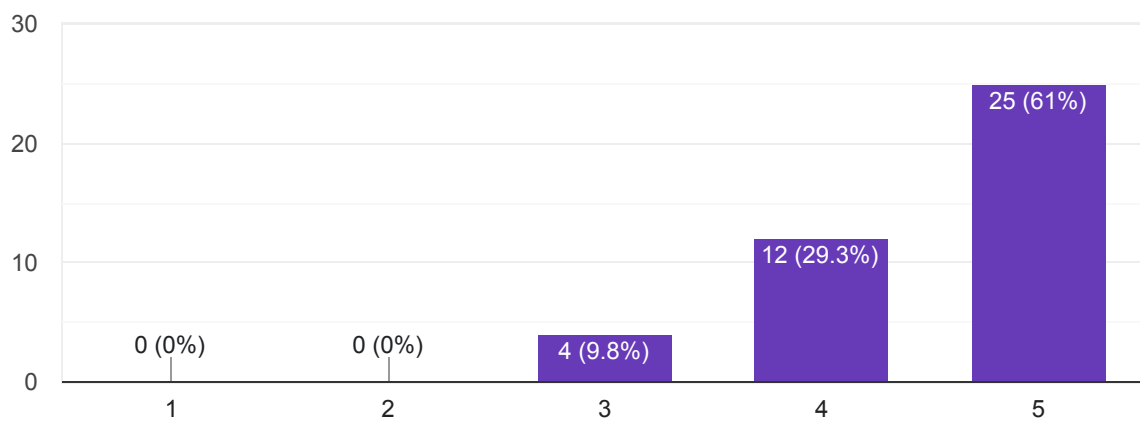
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The committee's work aligns with the Board's strategic goals and values.



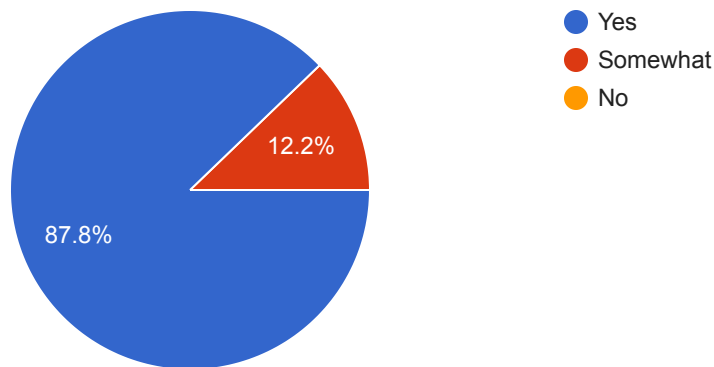
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I am aware of the expected deliverables and timelines for the committee.



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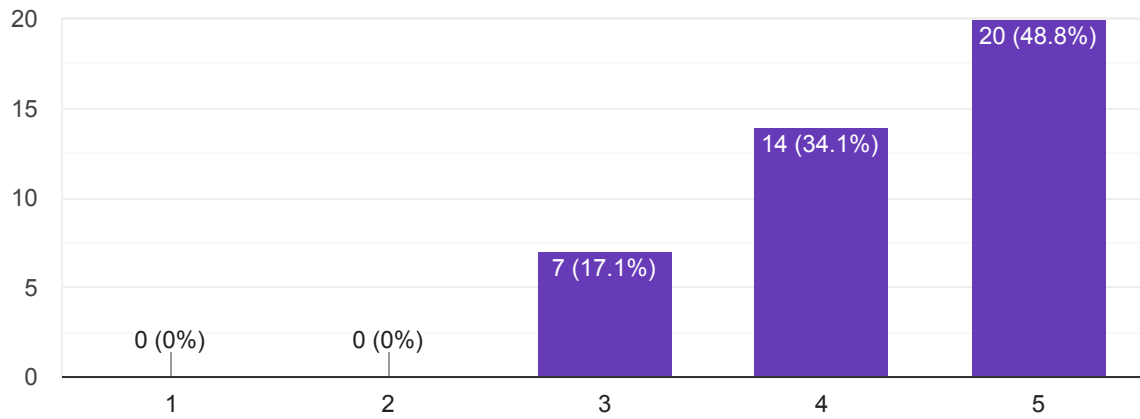
Section 2: Committee Operations





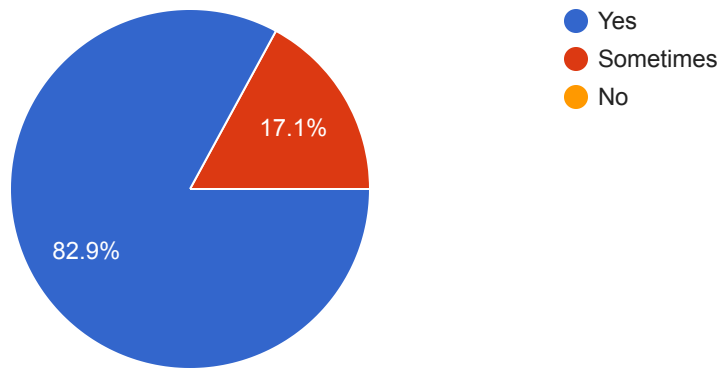
The committee has the right mix of expertise and experience.

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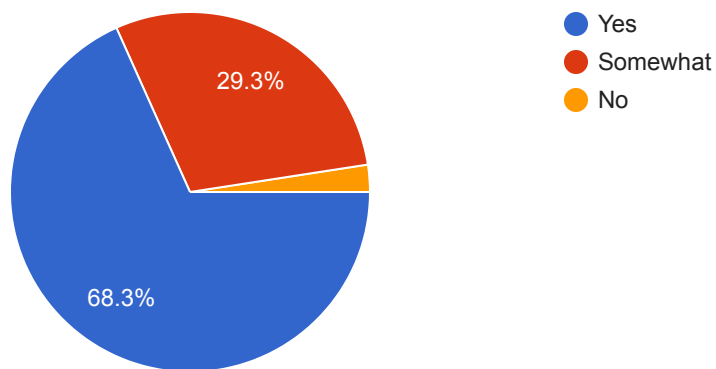
Meetings are productive, purposeful, and well-facilitated.

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I feel my contributions are valued by the committee and the Board.

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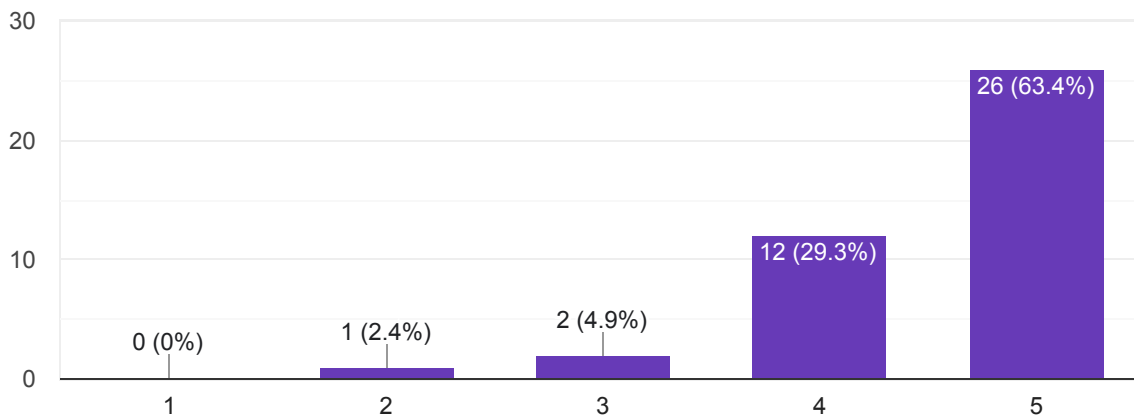
Section 3: Communication and Collaboration





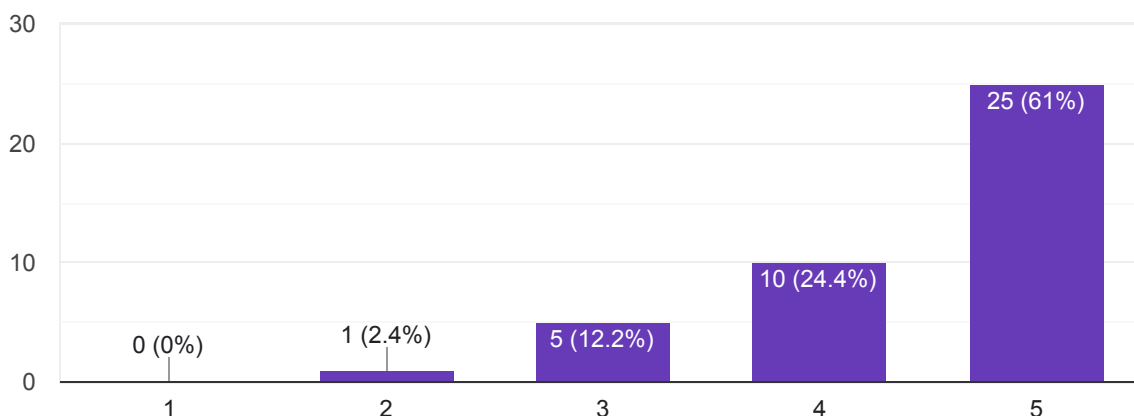
The committee communicates effectively with the assigned Board liaisons.

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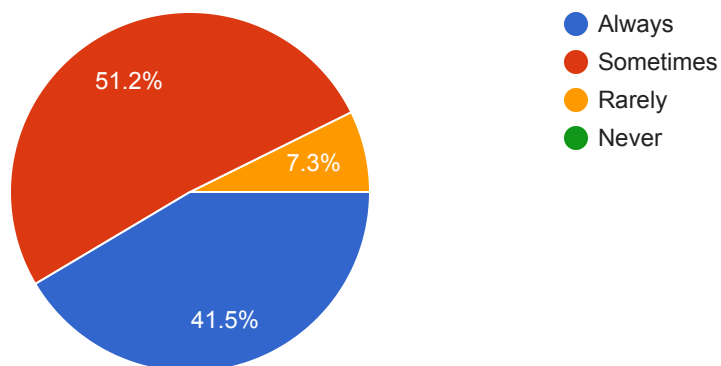
There is consistent communication between the committee and DCSD staff.

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The Board acknowledges and uses committee input.

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## Section 4: Open Response



## What's working well in the committee's structure or operations?

29 responses

Setting an agenda, using Robert's rules, following our operating procedures

Well organized

We have well planned agendas. We communicate with SACs. We follow the law.

The structure of the meetings work very well. I enjoy the outline of each of the meetings and the timeline provided.

Meetings are well organized, and discussions (mostly) are on point.

Effective shakeouts and updates from each representative in the committee.

There is productive conversation along topics and appreciate the ability for all to provide input including public comment

The officers have quite different backgrounds (a plus), work well together, and due to their long tenure have in depth knowledge of the committee's objectives (from the BOE) and needs (reports, etc.) from staff.

Diversified expertise, well managed, solid exposure and information from district staff.

Providing dinner before the meeting is excellent to promote informal conversations and make it easier on members. Meetings run smoothly and typically present information for approval. Staff and/or consultants prepare scenarios and background information.

Meetings and distribution of responsibilities are effectively managed. Elimination of term limits in bylaws enables ongoing understanding and historical context.

BOE end of year presentations, subgroup focuses, guest speakers

DAC membership is dedicated to its mission, and each member is truly dedicated to doing what is best for the District.

I think we have a good group of people who are very committed

Work is well-thought out, predictable, and not hurried.

The membership of LRPC works well with Staff and the addition of Chris Meehan there appears to me more bandwidth for Staff to act on LRPC's recommendations.



We have a great mix of long-time members and new members - it's great to hear questions from the newer members - I learn something every time.

we have some folks who have been on the committee for years and new people, good mix

The peer-peer interactions are helpful and guiding. The subgroup time is valued and used well.

They communicate very clearly.

Respectful dialogue, flexibility in membership with new bylaws, respectful of each other's time.

How we work together as a group. We are a thorough and thoughtful group of parents, staff, and community members.

Strong chair leadership is incredible and the committee works with each other well

Good support from staff and BOE

Involvement of non-voting members

Keeping structure as is and not putting all in single package

Having staff and board members at the committee meetings.

We can work together, but it's hard to all align our goals if one person just runs off with everything

I am learning so much about the committee and the vision for DCSD



## What could improve the committee's effectiveness or communication with the Board?

26 responses

Our current board liaisons have been fantastic

Nothing comes to mind

The Board needs to listen and to follow the law (ie, Charter School laws

Having members attend the board of education meetings and communicating with the student advisory group.

There is no real link between MBOC's work and parents in the district. It's mostly internal discussions with DCSD and the Board.

Shorter meetings, topics straight to the point.

Agendas are often too heavy not allowing for thoughtful conversation without growing over time with each topic or meeting.

When there are major changes in District communications (i.e. website) or policies that impact committees, it would be nice for the District to at least informally communicate these changes to the committee and work with the committee to address any concerns they may have. For instance, the MBOC lost all of our history available to the general public and staff did not seem to think this was a concern and did not even talk about it prior to us (the committee) bringing it up. While I agree that it would be too much work to resurrect everything, it would be beneficial to the public to have at least our year end reports available.

More connection with the board and its goals or direction for the FOC.

Providing meeting materials to committee members earlier to allow time to review. Allowing more committee discussion and involvement regarding boundary changes as LRPC was not involved regarding recent changes announced along with school closures. Similarly, no input was requested from committee regarding moving 6th grade to middle school sites. These are huge boundary and capacity issues that are triggered by school closure but very much in the purview of LRPC. The committee should strive to be non-political and all members should set aside political conversation and avoid polarization.

Board representatives carry two-way communication effectively.

Occasional community service opportunities, multiple small goals to break up big goal.

Improve access to data and documents, such as providing DAC members (and Board members) with access to a shared portal or document library to ensure DAC has access to





matters that affect their scope.

It would be nice to hear when concerns are passed along to the board and what the board my think about those concerns more.

I think Brad's prior experience with LRPC makes communication with the board effective and easy.

nothing

Not wasting half of every meeting on the BOE update that students have no input in and affects them minimally. Summarize it in 5-10 minutes max. Similarly, maintain subgroup time for at least 90 minutes every meeting.

I feel the text messages sent out through Remind, are a little late, and I would like to know things slightly earlier.

Greater direction from Board on broad strategy and how to use that within our assignments.

Having clearer deadlines to provide input and knowing how that input will be used.

The Board has two members and there's not always clear communication from both of them. We were disappointed when we felt we had a right, according to our charter, to give feedback on a subject but it was ignored. There's been growth from other years, but it could still improve.

Keep on task. Too many times conversation is allowed to go off for quite a bit of time on something that has nothing to do with what is being talked about. It is frustrating and needs to be brought back to what the topic is. Stop people from monopolizing the conversation.

Allow liasons between various Board Committees to enhance better communication

Additional members to serve on the committee

I wish there was a friendlier relationship with the liaisons because they were really helpful when we reached out

n/a



## What additional support or clarity would help the committee fulfill its charge?

20 responses

I can't think of anything. Our collaboration and agreement on the report format has been very helpful

Nothing comes to mind

I think all of the committees should combine together to work on sharing their work with the community more.

Would be beneficial if ALL of the board would take the DAC seriously as opposed to just a "speed bump" that they have to drive over

A BOE member should always attend the agenda planning meetings to ensure that staff are responsive to and respectful of the committee members.

More direction from the board.

When school closures happen (and they will continue to be necessary), how should LRPC be involved or do they simply accept all choices implemented by school closure subcommittee?

The board clearly values the the research and diligence of the committee. However, when consolidation/pairing decisions were made to the Board, the committee was not consulted and did not have input.

Part of our duties include assisting the district in implementing the district's parent engagement policy. Our board meetings are only in person, without any ability to participate remotely. It would improve our effectiveness to engage with parents, including parents who require accessibility accommodations, to allow them to watch meetings and participate remotely.

none

At the beginning, a good overview of the goal, the timeline, and the process would be good. Example projects and their outcomes made known too.

I think the committee is very organized, so I don't necessarily think there is anything to fix.

Continued support with liaison providing 2-way communication with full Board.

Revisiting the charge provided by the Board of Education (BOE) for each year, along with our understanding of who is responsible for guiding the DAC. There have been instances when we have requested discussions or presentations with various cabinet members, only to have those



requests denied. This raises the question: why are they denied? Ultimately, this suggests that we lack the authority to fulfill what we consider to be our DAC duties and responsibilities.

More time for feedback would be helpful.

Actionable special projects defined by BOE in addition to the regular list of annual routine requests

Listen to Board Committees

Quicker responses from district attorney when clarification is needed

Some time to explain with clearer goals in mind instead of a vague idea of what was going on

I'm not sure, as I am a relatively new member, but it seems to work well.



## Anything else you would like to share?

16 responses

Not at this time

Nope!

Did not appreciate the board releasing JAA without going through a thoughtful CART process.

I hope that the yearly dinner gatherings continue. This is a great opportunity for the committee members and the BOE to have casual conversations outside the normal meetings which fosters more open communication and improves the relationship between the BOE and the committee members. Might even want to change this to every 6 months.

Nothing further.

The BOE liaisons do an excellent job at expressing appreciation to the committee for their work.

none

Shavon needs an assistant! She is wonderful, but sometimes does not have the time to pull together all of the data / reports which would be helpful. We may need to consider having some 3-hour meetings - There has been several meetings where we seem quite rushed to get through the material / presentations in a timely manner.

Especially for the mental health subgroup, we value the time we have and would like the most we can. The pizza is always welcoming too as I don't always have the time to eat.

No

Looking forward to a Board retreat with the committees. Committee appreciation events are always well attended and popular among members.

None

I appreciate the opportunity to provide community input to the committee

It seems like a very large committee for oversight. Our function doesn't really include input, just validation. As such I don't think that student or business community representatives are needed (although always welcome).

Nope :)



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