

On which Board Committee do you serve?	How long have you served on this Committee?	How well do you believe the Board Committee has achieved its stated priorities over the past year?
Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)	Less than a year	Well
Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)	1-2 years	Adequately
Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)	Less than a year	Adequately
Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)	3-4 years	Well
Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)	Less than a year	Well

How effectively does the Committee communicate and collaborate with each other?	How effectively does the Committee communicate and collaborate with the Board Liaison(s) to the Committee?	How effectively does the Committee communicate and collaborate with the Staff liaison?
100	100	100
90	80	100
75	75	90
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85	100	100

How effectively does the Committee communicate and collaborate with the Board as a whole?	Do you have examples of success with communication and collaboration?	Do you have any recommendations for ways to improve communication and collaboration?
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80	The instance where the board needed to delegate the verification of the mills to the CFO was communicated to the committee well. A lengthy discussion ensued to support a well informed understanding and recommendation by the committee.	Maybe have the liaison go more in depth about issues the board is addressing and struggles it may be having that the FOC could assist with.
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70	Our committee has developed several memos to address fiscal items such as needs for alternative funding for contingent use if bonds of MLOs didn't pass. The Committee has also provided memos on debt and MLO support and other topics consistent with our charter and responsibilities.	I believe it would be very helpful for the BOE to provide more specific direction on the priorities on its strategic agenda where it would like the FOC to help. Our BOE liaison has provided very loose guidance on this in the past and it is not really a point of focus or follow up. I believe this results in the FOC being underutilized. If you think about it, when was the last time that you felt the FOC was providing you important input that was driving decision making on significant fiscal/financial matters? The District is facing a number of challenges that have fiscal implication and fiscal challenges that will present strategic and tactical issues.
70	Completing the audit.	N/A

In what ways has the Committee contributed to the overall strategic goals and mission of DCSD?	Are the meetings productive and well-attended by Committee members?	Are meeting agendas clear and aligned with the Committee's purpose and objectives?
	Yes	Yes
Student impact is always part of the discussion and informs all recommendations.	Yes	Yes
	Yes	Yes
The FOC has been focused on the the fiscal discipline and accountability of the District, aligned to the BOE's stated objective of financial well being along with the key points of that objective, especially long term sustainability and accountability. We also regularly work with the District staff (CFO and team) to advise on being good stewards of the District's financial resources and on effectively managing funds and expenditures.	Yes	Yes
Frankly this year the BOE has been a hot mess and hasn't really provided much in requirements. I think there can be a lot the FOC could support with, like financing in the time of declining enrollment.	Yes	Yes

How satisfied are you with your level of involvement and contribution?	Are there gaps in expertise or skills within the committee, and if so, how can these be addressed?	How well does the Committee understand and align with the broader goals and strategies set by the board?
Satisfied		Well
Satisfied	The committee is a group of professionals with diverse backgrounds that seem to address the issues that are presented. Having an educator/principal on the committee might bring a valuable perspective.	Adequately
Satisfied		Adequately
Satisfied	I do not believe there are gaps. The voting members of the FOC have various backgrounds, but are aligned to the needed skills of the district. As noted above, I believe this talented group of individuals is being underutilized. Recently, the FOC has a new chair, James Coope, who is making our meeting more focused and effective. I am very excited to see how we can better contribute to the BOE and the District staff aligned with our charter and the BOE and District staff's direction to be more impactful.	Well
Satisfied	None at this time.	Very well

Is there clear communication among Committee members?	Are board members informed about Committee activities?	In what ways does the Committee seek input or feedback from the full board, and how is that feedback utilized?
Yes	Yes	
Yes	Unsure	Through the liaison. The committee does its best to work toward the goals of the board.
Yes	Yes	
Yes	Yes	I'm not aware how input from the full BOE is sought or received. From what I can see the full BOE rarely is unified in seeking the FOC's input other than perhaps seeking a memo on bonds or MLO votes, which has been one of our primary functions. Our BOE liaison seems to be our main source of info and needs from the BOE and that has been a bit ambiguous in the past with minimal direction or follow up. Given the longer term needs and challenges that will face the district on fiscal matters I believe that changing this dynamic and better leveraging the FOC can/will be very beneficial for the BOE.
Yes	Yes	Usually through the board representative.

How well does the Committee make decisions?	Are these decisions well-informed and evidence-based?	Has the Committee faced any challenges or conflicts, and how were these addressed and resolved?
Well	Yes	
Well	Yes	Not in my time there.
Adequately	Yes	
		<p>There were certainly differences of opinion on some matters within the FOC, but they were handled well through discussion and each party involved being able to communicate their views and rationale. FOC decisions were built on the evidence and, ultimately, the FOC's position represented the majority view after debate and evaluation of the information.</p>
Very well	Yes	
Very well	Yes	None so far.

Are there specific areas or skills where the Committee feels additional training or support would be beneficial?	How much do you enjoy being on the Committee?	How much do you feel valued as a volunteer by the Board and DCSD staff?
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Perhaps a better understanding of the differences between the needs of elementary vs. junior high vs. high schools and what three FOC should be considering based on those different needs.	100	100
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The District staff has provided significant and ongoing training on specific subjects important to the FOC effectively filling its charter responsibilities. This includes the School Finance Act and legislative updates as well as particulars of the District's financial results and financial plans and strategies. I believe this has equipped us with the knowledge to serve our function well. I do believe it would be beneficial though to have the BOE more directly and routinely communicate its fiscal/financial priorities to the FOC with requests for assistance to become the "arms and legs" of the BOE in driving these items forward.	75	95
None at this time.	100	100

What would improve the experience?	Is there anything else you would like to share with the Board of Education?
Nothing comes to mind.	Not at this time.
Already covered in questions above, but mainly have the BOE provide more direction to leverage the FOC more effectively in its priorities and objectives.	No. Thank you for the opportunity to provide the BOE with feedback. I believe this is a positive step to inform the BOE of the capabilities of its various committees and could be the starting point of meaningful enhancements to the BOE's mission, objectives, and outcomes.
	The FOC chair has done a good job filling the FOC with a diverse set of experiences yet the BOE isn't providing enough requirements to fully utilize the FOC's skill sets.

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Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)	5-6 years	Well

How effectively does the Committee communicate and collaborate with each other?	How effectively does the Committee communicate and collaborate with the Board Liaison(s) to the Committee?	How effectively does the Committee communicate and collaborate with the Staff liaison?
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How effectively does the Committee communicate and collaborate with the Board as a whole?	Do you have examples of success with communication and collaboration?	Do you have any recommendations for ways to improve communication and collaboration?
95	<p>Memos and suggestions delivered to the Board. Slides and documents provided to all members days before the meeting for reviews. Meeting scheduled on calendars early so members can plan around and ahead of time.</p>	No
70	<p>The FOC has provided the BOE with feedback, as well as research in the areas of School Funding Methods, MLO/Bond recommendations, and feedback on projects as directed by the BOE. We have a productive working relationship with Director Winegar.</p>	<p>One of the challenges is with timing - for example, allowing the FOC enough time to listen, review, and provide feedback (memos) to the BOE. I feel that at times the FOC has not been provided enough time to review and comment on important issues, resulting in frustrations on both sides. It has been our goal this year to gain a better understanding of BOE expectations so that we can become a better resource and partner for the BOE.</p>

In what ways has the Committee contributed to the overall strategic goals and mission of DCSD?	Are the meetings productive and well-attended by Committee members?	Are meeting agendas clear and aligned with the Committee's purpose and objectives?
<p>Everything the committee has been asked to provide suggestions and/or memos, the committee has complied with these requests. Committee follows the Board suggestions on the strategic items.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>I feel that the committee has developed a better understanding of DCSD's processes and vision. We have also asked to be briefed on trends and challenges faced by the District so that we can incorporate those considerations into our conversations and feedback. I feel that the FOC has become far less partisan and much more results-focused, and that is in large part due to our understanding of DCSD goals and priorities.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>

How satisfied are you with your level of involvement and contribution?	Are there gaps in expertise or skills within the committee, and if so, how can these be addressed?	How well does the Committee understand and align with the broader goals and strategies set by the board?
Satisfied	No	Very well
Very satisfied	<p>Part of our goal was to encourage more participation from more members, and I feel that has improved our collaboration. We have smoothed out our terms so that we can ensure continuity year over year. We do need to pay attention to succession planning and developing leaders within our committee who can lead the FOC in the future.</p>	Well

Is there clear communication among Committee members?	Are board members informed about Committee activities?	In what ways does the Committee seek input or feedback from the full board, and how is that feedback utilized?
Yes	Yes	Every meeting, the chair asks for suggestions. The communication is very open.
Yes	Yes	We rely on our BOE liason for feedback and input. I believe that we have a good relationship with Director Winegar and that she is very engaged in our work.

How well does the Committee make decisions?	Are these decisions well-informed and evidence-based?	Has the Committee faced any challenges or conflicts, and how were these addressed and resolved?
Well	Yes	If we run to the personal opinions on something, like 5A and 5B
Well	Yes	I believe that the FOC has pivoted from a tendency to focus on partisan issues, gradually evolving to become a stronger advocate in tackling the important issues faced by DCSD and acting as a true advisory board for the BOE. It is helpful to have clear goals and objectives set, as well as a planned outcomes and results, which leads to more productive conversations. We end up spending less time talking about specific policy issues, and more time talking about solutions.

Are there specific areas or skills where the Committee feels additional training or support would be beneficial?	How much do you enjoy being on the Committee?	How much do you feel valued as a volunteer by the Board and DCSD staff?
No	95	95
I feel that it would be helpful for the FOC to hear from members of other committees (LRPC, for example), and vice versa. At this stage I believe that it is important for our committees to have a good understanding of our respective objectives and responsibilities, and some sort of cross-pollination of ideas would be welcomed and beneficial for DCSD as a whole.	90	80

What would improve the experience?	Is there anything else you would like to share with the Board of Education?
No suggestions now.	No
<p>Staff and the BOE has shown support and expressed appreciation to FOC members by not only recognizing efforts, but also doing things like providing dinner before our meetings. I do feel that the contributions of volunteers are appreciated. I do know that members like to hear how our input/feedback has made a difference, and it is always good to hear back on how a memo, project, and/or feedback was helpful to the Board.</p>	<p>The FOC as a whole is concerned with the implications of the bond measure failing in November 2023. Numerous members have expressed a desire to be part of a group that works in concert with LRPC to provide support and feedback as the District navigates issues with declining enrollment, aging infrastructure, equitable access to DCSD resources for all kids, and new capital projects. While many of these topics are covered by LRPC, all of these topics have financial consequences. There is plenty that the FOC is hoping to address and help with on our own. We are eager to join the conversation and collaborate, and we look forward to direction from the BOE on this matter this semester.</p>

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AVERAGE		

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<p style="text-align: right;">89</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">88</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">96</p>

How effectively does the Committee communicate and collaborate with the Board as a whole?	Do you have examples of success with communication and collaboration?	Do you have any recommendations for ways to improve communication and collaboration?
71	The Finance team does a great job providing regular updates on scheduled items (e.g., budget reviews and updates, regulatory and revenue updates, etc.). Details are at the right level of granularity and consistently accurate.	Routine decisions are well socialized with the FOC. One-off solutions--even extremely important ones--don't seem to be nearly as well socialized. I was surprised to see staff recommendations on establishing a charter school in Sterling Ranch go to the Board with no socialization of expense numbers with the FOC and no mention that such a proposal was under development. Given the need for transparency around such hotly debated measures, allowing adequate time for review and socialization prior to a board meeting seems like it would be helpful.
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<p>I think the Board has done a good job of listening to the FOC to clarify and codify processes (e.g., establishing the recent Debt Policy as a formal published guideline, as opposed to just being an informal best practice). I also think that they did a good job giving the FOC adequate time to review both the MLO and the Bond proposals.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>

How satisfied are you with your level of involvement and contribution?	Are there gaps in expertise or skills within the committee, and if so, how can these be addressed?	How well does the Committee understand and align with the broader goals and strategies set by the board?
Satisfied	The material that is presented to the FOC is often very dense. It was quite difficult for me to digest even for the first 2 years, and while I now understand the numbers I see every month, I feel like I see a dazed look on new members that is very familiar to me.	Adequately

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Yes	Unsure	A Board member regularly attends FOC meetings, and provides us updates on what is going on. To date, guidance around specific ways that the FOC can help the board deal with non-recurring tasks have been pretty vague.

How well does the Committee make decisions?	Are these decisions well-informed and evidence-based?	Has the Committee faced any challenges or conflicts, and how were these addressed and resolved?
Well	Yes	<p>While there were some disagreements involving the former FOC President, everything I saw at Committee meetings suggests that those were handled professionally and constructively. I can't speak to what went on in closed door meetings involving the former President and staff or Board members.</p>

Are there specific areas or skills where the Committee feels additional training or support would be beneficial?	How much do you enjoy being on the Committee?	How much do you feel valued as a volunteer by the Board and DCSD staff?
<p>The "Intro to DCSD Finance" course offering for new board members is a great step and something I hope we continue.</p>	<p>85</p>	<p>95</p>
	<p>88</p>	<p>93</p>

What would improve the experience?	Is there anything else you would like to share with the Board of Education?
<p>More predictability from the Board-- decisions are often made with little warning, and materials are often not reviewed (or have to be reviewed only by e-mail) before being socialized with the Board at public meetings.</p>	<p>I appreciate the hard work of everybody trying to move forward on these complicated issues.</p>