



IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO MAKE DCS MONTESSORI THE BEST IT CAN BE!

Have you ever wondered who sends all those communications and surveys about your child’s school? Have you ever wondered what the BOD, the MEF Board and the SAC are? There are many groups working behind the scenes to help ensure DCSM students are getting an authentic Montessori curriculum and a high-quality educational experience. Here’s a quick snapshot of some of those groups:

DCSM Board of Directors (BOD)

- Carries an overarching responsibility to ensure DCSM upholds the mission and vision of the school (while the Head of School, Mr. Jeromy, holds direct authority and accountability for day-to-day operations).
- Tasked with ensuring the school operates consistently within the Montessori philosophy and in the best interests of DCSM families.
- Composed of 7 members consisting of DCSM parents and members of the community.

Montessori Educational Foundation (MEF)

- Owns the over \$7 million, 8 1/2-acre DCSM Elementary and Middle School campus.
- Raises funds to support facility improvements and special projects at DCSM through various large scale programs and events such as Fun Run, Fall Festival and Spring Gala.
- Monies raised are used for everything from new carpet and paint to continuing education scholarships for DCSM teachers.
- Composed of 9 parent members.

School Accountability Committee (SAC)

- Evaluates the effectiveness of DCSM curriculums, using surveys to incorporate input from school families, students, and alumni.
- Develops and implements improvement initiatives focused on goals such as increasing student engagement in the sciences; its work ensures DCSM students have the best opportunity to excel academically in all areas
- Ensures the school’s educational approach maintains balance between meeting state and county school district requirements and providing a rich, Montessori learning environment.
- Composed of 7 members including parents, teachers and members of the community.

Other Players

- Other DCSM committees work collaboratively with our Head of School on special initiatives, such as budgeting school finances, and planning buildings and grounds improvements.
- The Douglas County School District Board of Education and the Colorado State Board of Education also create certain rules and guidelines that govern our school.

More information about these and other groups that support DCSM is available on the school website under “About Us” (dcsmontessori.org/about/). Feel free to reach out to any of our BOD, MEF or SAC members if you have questions. We encourage you to participate in the growth of DCSM by attending SAC and BOD meetings, volunteering at MEF events, and running for election or seeking appointment to one of these groups. DCSM parents and its supporting community have valuable skills and insights that have promoted the continued growth and improvement of our school. Please consider whether your talents might fit well with the goals of one of these groups and get involved!



Tell me and I forget.
Show me and I remember.
Involve me and I understand.

~ Maria Montessori