

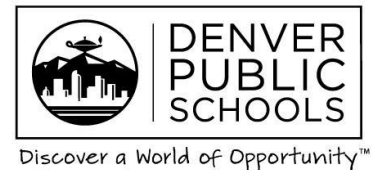
# CSC Meeting Minutes

(Denison Montessori)

2015-2016

Date: 5/31/2016 Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: *Library*



## Attendees:

Kim Manning, Katy Mattis, Nathan Karet, Christy Berger, Lisa Ball, Jay Rabideux, Christina Gonzalez, Kelly Rosenbaum, Linda Engelhart, Jolien Haro, Jolee Mann, Scott Kwasny

## Absent:

Gina Burg, Kelsey Larson (officially no longer part of committee)

## Call to order, welcome

- Linda, Nathan, Lisa, Jolien are all departing
- Kelsey Larson already departed.

## Principal's Report

- Ann – Nurse; Leslie Crockett – Occupational Therapist both leaving school
- No one else leaving staff
- Lots of shifts in positions – everyone pretty much hired except for one primary position
- TNLI exemption was granted
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade kickball game – Thursday 1:15pm
- Enrollment projections have not changed – 417 is projection (current is 408 through natural attrition) – stable enrollment
- Every class at 27 students (current – upper el 32 per classroom – not a concern, typical for this time of year)
  - Good quantity of 3 year olds; wait lists at every level of enrollment

## New Business Items

- CSC Roles and Responsibilities:
  - See handout for By-Laws and Role Responsibilities
  - See handout for Duties
  - CSC By Law Review
    - Change Membership to better reflect DPS policy – tabled until August
  - CSC meetings moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday starting in August
    - Next 8/16/2016
    - Time changed to 5:15pm-7:15pm
- New CSC Chairman needed
  - Slight discussion of the role
  - Kim Manning volunteered
    - Katy vetoed and Scott Kwasny agreed
  - Scott Kwasny volunteered to be the next chairperson
    - Nathan Karet will touch base with Scott to discuss the transition
- Classroom Donations
  - Should we come up with a list of what the student fees actually would pay for (e.g; \$30 pays for paper and pencils for your student) – would this encourage further giving
    - Would help parents to know what the \$30 is for
    - Be careful about getting too specific
    - Does Elementary approach need to be different than primary?
    - On bulletin board: Ask teachers, “what do you use your classroom donations for?”
    - What about “to fund classroom supplies for a year, costs \$xx; your \$30 covers \$xx per year”
    - Could we say \$30 does not fully support a classroom, \$50 is better, \$75 is ideal

- Pay yours and sponsor a family who can't pay
- Would billing it as only \$1/week help?
- Could volunteer hours be linked in place of \$30 (can't be required)
- Can you call people who have not made the \$30 donation
- What about \$30 at registration; \$30 at Xmas break
- Up it \$40 and just do that and possibly credit card ability
- Thermometer system – would competition help
  - Several people disagreed worrying that people who were in the building would have already paid – they thought this would be ineffective
- Is it possible to get set up for monthly giving? Make it easier for parents to do this.
- One issue could be that we don't take a credit card
  - Need to check with Michael Cordova about the issues
  - One possible solution is FDM collecting, then transferring it to the school
    - Need assurances that it will go back to the school
  - Can we set up a PayPal account? Might be issues with the district.
  - Gilpin has a PayPal button directly on their website – goes to their parent organization
  - Jolien can help Michael with reconciling if needed

#### Old Business Items

- Non-Contact Days
  - Not going to be able to work “Denison Day's” proposal for next year

#### On-going Business:

- Discipline/Safety
  - Parking issue
    - 1 of the neighbors has been calling parking enforcement and has screamed at at least one family member – we believe that the person is moving
      - Parents are occasionally parking inappropriately
      - However, the occupant is not handling things appropriately
      - Have had conversations with his AP, Parking and Enforcement and DPS security regarding this individual
      - What can we do to better educate our parents to avoid this issue?
        - Suspect that there are possible problems with Middle School children leaving the busses
    - Parent heard that it's a handful of kids taking up the discipline time – suggestion that “special responsibilities” has been working well and to start a plan for the new year
      - Got plans in place for ½ of students this year, plan to work on other ½ next year
    - New janitor – Luke – talks about bullying he experienced as a child to groups of kids – he has offered to take kids out and do shoveling, raking, etc. while they are working – plan to utilize this possibility next year.
- Monthly Family Events/Activities/Calendar
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation – Thursday 6pm
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Kickball 1:15pm – Thursday

#### Public Input

- No public attendance

#### Committee Reports

- FDM – no report
- PAC – no report
- SLT
  - 1 session of iReady school-wide 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders
    - Feedback from kids was “fun”
    - Christy and Lisa – “it was too fun” – kids raced through to get to the games
      - Was able to point out an upper el doing work as a kindergartner and have him redo

- Time was a lot – reading more than math – some kids over an hour
- iReady is in place of interim evaluations
  - Colorado school law requires 3 measures of school-based assessments
    - Portfolios weren't worth the effort – iReady is a replacement
  - Not a tool to prepare for standardized tests
  - This year, had to be completed in one week – next year, hoping for 3-week windows
  - One week was challenging
    - Had some children simply clicking and pointing randomly
    - Need to identify strategies to help with that
    - Need to get teacher passwords
    - DPS gives the interim money to Denison to help defray the cost of iReady
  - Interims don't make sense for Denison
    - Wanted to know more of what a child does know vs. what they don't know
- Concern from a teacher that from March to end of school kids are constantly testing
- PARCC window is only 3 weeks next year; after Spring Break

Setting of agenda for next meeting

- CSC Bylaws review put off until 8/2016
- Distribute a new copy of Denison calendar

Date for next meeting – August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (5:15-7:15)

Adjourned at 7:00pm