

CSC Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2014
5:30-7:30 p.m. Denison Library

Roles: Facilitator – Nathan TimeKeeper - Paul Secretary - Jolien

CSC Members Present: Ana Petersen, Christy Berger, Jolien Haro, Katy Mattis, Kelsey Larson, Linda Engelhart, Nathan Karet, Paul Vincent.

CSC Members Absent: Elisa Bowers and Lisa McGrath

Guests: Lynn Roberts

Approval of Minutes from 6/3/14 with the following changes:

- Add Ana Petersen and Linda Engelhart as absent members
- Add Jolien Haro as present during the meeting

CSC New Business:

- Nathan Karat drafted and presented role assignment for the CSC. The Board unanimously approved the role assignments for the 2014/2015 term.
- The Board also discussed installing solar panels for Denison and nominated Linda Engelhart to head a committee to research.

CSC Ongoing Business:

- Discipline/Safety:
 - Paul looking into staying with SWISS Behavior Reporting system. Paul stated that it allows us to easily track discipline and safety instances and would be beneficial for Denison.
 - DPS has instituted a new visitor policy. Every visitor must wear a badge at all times to clearly identify them in the building.
- Back to School Update:
 - On August 21, 2014, we will not be able to provide Little Man Ice cream during the ice cream social due to cost but are looking into getting McGills ice cream.
 - Katy is trying to find another date to hold the Primary back to school night.
- Calendar:
 - No updates to the calendar approved during the June 3, 2014 meeting.
 - Katy will hold all “Coffee with the Principal” sessions on Friday mornings.

Principal Update:

- Ongoing Montessori Assessment Update:
 - The assessment waiver was approved giving us an exemption from the Fall and Winter Interims. We will discuss the Spring Interims in December and potential next steps.

- The Board discussed the new PARCC/CMAS testing and the potential challenges our school will face with these new tests. The Principal and the teachers will be meeting to determine the best course to prepare the students to take PARCC/CMAS testing.
- PARCC will be subsidizing an additional 1,800 books for the library.
- Katy is continually looking at how parents can assist their children outside of school.
- Katy is also looking at working with students at UNC to provide student paras for primary classrooms.
- Katy has been reassigned to Region 1 that includes two other Montessori schools (Lincoln & Sandoval) to better align Montessori schools and will now report to Tamara Acevedo instead of Brett Scott.
- Staffing Update: Reviewed the staffing changes that were also discussed during the June 3rd meeting.

Report from Subcommittees and other Committees:

- FDM: No update
- SLT: No update
- PAC: No update

Other:

- Lynn Roberts was present and discussed her participation in various Assessment workgroups. She stated that these workgroups are looking into a waiver for PARCC/CMAS and replacing it with MAPS but nothing has been decided at this time.
- Lynn also presented bumper stickers that will be sold at Registration.
- Lynn mentioned her interest in starting a quarterly newsletter that could have pieces written by students, parents and teachers.