

February 9, 2016 Denison Montessori

Welcome

All members in attendance, except for Jolien Haro

Reviewing of minutes and they were accepted

Principal report:

Response to email about attendance

-sign in sheet is official attendance

-questions about whether or not meetings should be moved for anything other than DPS -voted on and approved but approved along with seeking CSC approval prior to changing the meeting

Motion denied to move meetings to last Tuesday of the month

Colorado shines rating of Denison is a 4 diamond rated school- putting the school in the top 8%

-Next audit is in 3 years

iready - purchased and approved by elementary team

-moved away from short term assessments and portfolios (were to be assessed by teachers, rubrics had to be created, also attempting to work with other Montessori schools) did not provide anymore information

Teachers requested moving away from portfolios, found diagnostic adaptive tool

This is what iready is

-tells us what the students know- hence an adaptive assessment tool

Works in conjunction with math tutoring model

-portfolios will become individual classroom tool

-Not an assessment - practical life application, to prepare children for their time and place, making it an organic part of the classroom

-is FERPA compliant, working to make it DPS compliant

Budget- got the SPED waiver

Still waiting to hear on ELA picking up part of that salary

- Katy working on ELA department

Kaleidoscope leaving Denison replaced by Kid Smart overall better fit for the school

Only provide care for k-6, frees up 101

More options and flexibility

TLC hiring- 2 interviews one upper and one primary

UIP- nothing new

Discipline- nothing major

Parking lot locked at 8:45

PSF-respect and responsibility, reviewing all 8

Same students are reporting to office

Lice -children aren't sent home with lice

-we now have lice cure to allow parents to buy it here

- other thought,

- lift ban on hats
- Garbage bags for backpacks, etc...
- Front lobby education on lice

-have Ann come to classrooms

-no committee reports

Watch me work night cancelled

March 3rd- ballarat meeting

Bake sale 2/25/16

Public comment: cost of iready- For the 2016-2017 school year,

i ready costs \$6.00 per child for the year for English Language Arts Diagnostic (~160 students)= \$960

i ready costs \$6.00 per child for the year for Math Diagnostic(~130 students)= \$780

Total cost= \$1,740

i ready costs \$24.00 per child for the year for Math Diagnostic and Instructional (~30 students)= \$720 (this is paid with the Tutoring Mill Levy money.

By not opting into district assessments, Denison will receive \$5.50/ per grade 3-6 student (~approximately 160 students)= \$880

Total cost to Denison's General Fund= \$860

For the 2015-16 school year we paid \$1,754. This includes a training webinar for \$500.00 (see attached invoice)

MAPS- not Montessori specific curriculum

DPS pushing for further FERPA compliance from iready

Not used for teacher evaluation and compensation

FDM- 20 people participated in Read a thon

Grandparents Day 2/24/16