

Minutes for Denison CSC Meeting  
March 3rd, 2015  
5:30-7:30pm Denison Library

Roles: Facilitator – Linda Timekeeper – Ana Secretary – Lisa

Welcome: introduction

Other than CSC members, Ami Pickering, Lynn Roberts, and Gilpin Principal Kimberly Riggins were in attendance

Nathan Karet was absent

Follow up and comments on Assessment Meeting with Grant and ARE  
-no comments

Future of Town Hall Meetings

- feedback generally negative
  - not helpful to a positive school climate
  - teachers do not attend due to negativity
  - they are open ended conversations that do not or cannot provide immediate feedback
  - Replace with more Watch Me Work Nights, increase in Montessori evenings
  - CSC agreed to this plan
  - If there is a need for a meeting on a specific topic or concern, then a Town hall would be put together.
- Please let me know what changes to make

Budget Updates and follow up

- \$100,000 awarded of the \$136,000 asked for
- the amount awarded was originally \$96,000, it was rounded to \$100,000

L. Miller no longer an employee of Denison

- 2 sub secretaries(Linda and June) have been hired to reconcile the books(Linda) and school activity fund(June)
- Linda has simultaneously been providing training to Michael Cordova, who has been hired as the new Secretary 2
- Budget Plan approved by CSC is not effected by this
- no need to add extra students

UIP

- current UIP is very District centric(focused on the Achievement Gap)
- Katy is currently writing a new one (together with the SLT) that is Montessori focused with three main goals: Montessori Normalization, Cosmic Education, and Grace and Courtesy
- these ideas would be used as the foundation of the UIP - leverage Montessori education to meet the Achievement Gap
  - Dimensions of Observable Growth (DOG)
  - possibly focus on three areas of DOG and make it a school wide focus
  - UIP is a living document

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Discipline and Safety

- Upper and Lower El are having some behavioral issues
- possibly due in part to grouping the students for specials and enrichments by age instead of by class
- change will happen next school year as specials teachers have their SLO's planned around the current schedule
- the rotation of specials will also be looked at- should help the flow and movement of students from one special to another

Parent Survey coming soon

PARCC update

- as of 3/3/15 no opt outs

Interims are still happening, though there could potentially be more flexibility with them

- potential impact on teachers due to SLOs, this is being looked into

The PARCC testing schedule is set with testing beginning on 3/10 and running through the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> (tests will be on Tue, Wed, and Thur of those weeks)

April CMAS-for 4th and 5th graders

May- end of year PARCC exams

FDM update-will be providing healthy snacks for students prior to testing

- To avoid conflict and rushed planning, the 6th grade will move their after school movie date to April
- Still waiting for lists from teachers for the Giving Tree
- \$880 raised from Duffy Roll Sales
- Amazon Smile Account is set up and active, info. will be sent home soon
- Discussed possibility of using online fundraising campaign for the garden, overall outdoor space improvement plan
- 3/23-possible movie date(Ami will give us exact info. soon)

Discussed possibility of having a Back to School nights for new parents that would answer things like parking, drop off, etc...

April Agenda

- clear 95% of it, will be setting calendar for next school year
- remove Extended Learning Time from agenda