**CSC October 15, 2019 MINUTES**

*In attendance:*

● Members: Matt Vita, Marybeth Krug, Thomas Haro, Meggy Woods

● Non-members: Natalie Fickes, Ely Chirinos, Kevin Greeley, Ana Peterson, Joan

Rademacher, Amy McHugh, Patricia Roos, Elza Guajardo

**Celebrations**

A. School Performance Framework

a. We are green this year; more information to come later in the meeting

B. Department of Health QA report

a. No violations with excellent food safety

C. A to Z grant

a. Dr. Brown received over $1,700 for Montessori bells

D. Fun Run - amount raised was $9.057.xx; need CSC to hold a forum to generate 2 ideas

that students will vote to approve. Asking for 20 minutes at the next CSC meeting.

Teachers need to generate ideas with their classes.

**General Business**

A. SPF Presentation

a. Natalie shared information about the SPF overall rating, the 4 domains that

compose the rating; areas of strength/growth; MIS strategies and connection to

SPF

B. “Riding the Waves,” Ely Chirinos

a. Shared information on what will be presented to Upper El classes concerning the

Riding the Waves curriculum including warning signs of suicide, special

populations at greater risk; what parents can do to mitigate the risk; when to get

help immediately; hotlines to call; what schools can do; Riding the Waves

curriculum; Implementation plan; program resources; questions; Amy suggested

a parent night before implementing curriculum so parents have more information

to make the decision to include students in the program

C. Assessment of Traffic update

a. Concerns about traffic and safety during dismissal and carline; concerns shared

about congestion on the stairs, by the big tree and the flagpole; team coming for

assessment on 10/23

D. $4K expenditures

a. Proposal for science equipment for $997; still almost $3K available; Ms. Jennifer

has ideas for making the lobby more interactive and informative; also thinking

about spending money on a communication app. There is an individual plan

that’s $99 month; should be fairly easy to use without paying the upcharge.

There are some fees for getting into google/android/apple app stores. It has

capability to be multilingual. Can use it without apps, too. Copy costs may offset

the cost of the app. Matt talked about pilot of it before launching school wide.

b. Vote was held to hold some of the $4K for creation of the app. CSC members

approved

**Concerns**

A. Robo-call - is it going away? Continuing to have difficulty

B. Questions about School Messenger

C. Preparing for the budget - **more time so we can get the budget ahead of time to**

**strategize and prepare and make informed decisions** ; Kevin said there are plans to

do more planning with budget partners this year; Matt asked about criteria that might

help to make informed decisions

D. Kevin announced the SW community meeting tomorrow

E. Meggy asked about principal process and how we are advertising for Montessori trained

candidates; AMI/AMS advertising; Matt asked about L2L becoming principal; Lynn asked

about district paying for Montessori training for a principal who isn’t Montessori trained;

Meggy asked about AP role moving forward, too. Kevin asked for ideal outcome; Matt

suggested a plan for hiring that’s not so long and how to get more Montessori folks

involved.

F. Marybeth brought up extended day issue and how it impacts the budget; **request to**

**bring extended day topic to CSC next year**

G. Ana brought up budget related to SPF rating; does being green cause los

**Closing**

**September 10, 2019**

In attendance: Elza Guajardo, Marybeth Krug, Meggy Woods, Mary Murphy, Thomas H., Matt

Vita, **Lynn Roberts** , **Joan Rademacher** , **Natalie Fickes** , **Amy Karet** , **Patrica Roos** , Ana

Peterson, Yamile Reina, Amy McHugh

I. Celebrations

● Goal to build the PAC and increase family engagement. Thank you to parents

who are volunteering in many roles

● Car line is more efficient but we’ve reached out to the operational superintendent

to assess our traffic and safety. Buses turning left back up traffic. Parents feel

it’s going more smoothly.

● Suggested improvements:

○ Matt suggested placing cones to indicate a line and having someone use

a crossing guard set to facilitate turns on left turns onto Jewell;

○ bus 202’s late arrival complicates pick up;

○ we are having A frames/sandwich boards made to mark lines;

○ How to communicate inside pick up days to families waiting outside;

○ Process for parents on inside days once in the building

○ Bus para to pick up students from classrooms early to go to bus space

○ Use the app to list children

○ Communicate expectations: pick up before 3:45; don’t expect child to be

sent down after 3:45

II. Summary of School Opening

● Three school visits the first two weeks; two for school culture and one for ISs to learn

about Montessori; glows shared

● Unexpected death of family member of two students; crisis response and EAP team

came to provide support for students and staff

● Fire Safety presentations coming to the school on October 17th

● Thank you for CSC proposal; continue to look for funding for the school. Troy G. sent an

email saying we have $4000 to spend on facilities from innovative classroom funds.

Also have around $15k in technology mill level money for instructional technology.

Looking for ideas regarding how to use this money. Suggestions:

○ Tech ideas include adaptive pens and co-writer software

○ How are we planning on being transparent with the plan for using the money

○ Is there a southwest support partner through DoTS

○ Irrigation system for garden? Weekly schedule in the summer for maintenance?

Non-profit community organization that helps with the irrigation and the garden.

○ Way to sell the produce? Farmer’s market? Send home to families?

○ Matt offered to consult around technology plan

III. Fun Run Event, September 27th

● Funds that are raised will need to be spent; CSC will need to help determine with FDM

how to spend the funds; students will have final vote from 2 items/proposals

● Every dollar that comes in will go to the school; overhead expenses have been covered

● Prizes for class; teacher costume contest

● In the works since CSC budget meeting last year

IV. Classified Member for CSC - Ms. Elza will look for a para member

V. Other business -

○ Westerra money grant - Thomas to apply

○ Matt shares information between DM and DMHS CSC, for example, 230 ways to

volunteer. Bizinessapps.com to coordinate communication; how can we utilize

digital tools. Parents asking for more digital communication/updates

○ What would cost be for tech para?

○ Consider food allergies when planning incentives and staff appreciation events