

CSC Agenda

1/28/20

Membership Attendance:

The following members were in attendance at the meeting.

Parents	Teachers	Support Staff
Sarah Tiongco	Laura Schmidt, ECE	Allison Schulwitz , Diverse Learners
Lindsey Kalmes	Katie Ridder, Kinder/First Grade	Lauren McCann, Humanities
Kate Burdett	Derek Lavezzo, 2 nd /3 rd Grade	
Michelle Morris	Jen Shindoll, 4 th /5 th Grade	
Brian Inderwies		

Community	Administration
Kyla Maestas, Forest City	Dr. Amy Gile, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning
	Dustin King, Dean of Culture
	Janis Dickman, Director of Culture and Community Engagement

20-21 Counseling Grant –

Jessica Glazer from the Counseling Department came to share details about our 20-21 counseling grant through the Colorado Department of Education. The grant is a 4-year grant. During year one, we are collecting data points (doing interviews and surveys). We need to survey parents and students. We may do the BESS data for the students. Collect data points in a variety of areas. Once the data is collected, Willow will set three goals that will be the focus for our school counselor. The goals will be focused on social emotional, college prep, and parent engagement.

Questions/comments:

- How are the 7 schools chosen?
 - Priority to get into some elementary schools.
 - Willow has had different grants in the past and have had strong follow through.
- How will we collect data to document the impact of the grant?
 - Instruments used to see growth (BESS)
- How is the role of a counselor different/similar to our psychologist?
 - A bit of overlap may happen with counselor and psychologist. Counselor will focus on family communication and college readiness.
- How will we hire our counselor?
 - Counselors will be hired centrally and then Willow will do site-based interviews with the candidates in the pool.
- Next steps with the parent feedback survey – Our goal is to get 100 surveys completed. We are close to our goal and will do surveys at the 3rd grades showcase this week.

CSC Continued Discussions Regarding Equity Practices at Willow

- The CSC watched a TedTalk video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOrgf3wTUbo#action=share>) and discussed a prompt: How are we, as a CSC, leading for the change we want to see.

I-Zone Updates

Dr. Gile shared updates on where we are at in the I-Zone Application Process

- Evaluation of our school was done by the NDIZ and Willow was approved to move forward
- Plan submitted to the DPS central office – they also approved to move forward
- Teacher vote on February 7th
- Tomi will be here on 2/4 to answer any staff questions
- CSC will sign a letter of support on 2/11/19. Tomi will be available to conference call in to our meeting to make sure all CSC questions are answered.
- Presentations to the board will happen on Feb 18th
- The school board will vote on February 20th. There is likely to be open comment prior to the vote. We would love people to come and stand up for supporting for Willow.

Budget & Staffing Overview/Updates

- We are only having to cut one, half-time positions for next year (even losing a few grants)
- Reductions in Funding in our 20-21 Budget:
 - No more early literacy grant (1.0 Para) – Funding through SBB
 - Reduction in 1 STL and 2 TS – Funding through SBB
 - Reduction from 1.5 to 1.0 ESL – Will not backfill 0.5 ESL
- Budget Breakdown:
 - 76% straight to the classroom
 - 6% part time staff
 - 7% discretionary budget (pay for tech, supplies and materials, and extra duty pay and stipends)
 - 5% admin
- Future considerations
 - As Inspire rolls out more grade levels, we will not have as many students. However, currently our budget is very sound and not built on hoping for more students beyond our current 20-21 projections.
 - In two years, our bubble classroom will move on to middle school. This will affect our budget because we will have 30 less children. We will need to plan for how to sustain this impact to the budget.

Setting Timeline for Establishing Next Year's School Calendar

- As a committee we listed our non-negotiable items that have been prioritized by previous CSCs
 - Assessment days in August
 - 30-minute parent conferences in the fall
 - Spring conference day
 - A 3-day weekend for staff in October
 - Keeping our non-student contact days as close to the district calendar to ensure that families have access to community based day-camp options.
- CSC members worked in small groups to review the DPS calendar and to problem solve how we can create a calendar for 20-21 that included all our nonnegotiable.
- Possible Solutions Discussed were as follows:
 - Assessment Days on 8/20/20 & 8/21/20
 - Teachers report on 8/7/20 in order to have 10/19 as a teacher fall break day
 - Spring Parent Teacher Conference on March 5, 2021
 - Problem solving for the 30-minute fall parent-teacher conferences was more challenging. Based on feedback we got from the community this year, parents were frustrated with having 2 short weeks in a row. As a result we proposed 2 different scenarios:
 - **Option One:** Add our addition conference day to the already scheduled DPS conference day/fall break (October 15 & 16). Please note that our Stapleton community always offers camp options for fall break.
 - **Option Two:** Host our conferences on November 5 & 6 to spread out the short weeks.



- Based on parent feedback during the 19-20 school year and the fact that these scenarios potentially impact families in different ways, the CSC decided send out the survey to the parent community to gather their preferences. The survey will be sent out multiple times over the next 2 weeks so that we can review the feedback at our CSC meeting on 2/11/20.
- In addition, all CSC members will take the calendar back to their constituencies to get feedback. The calendar will be finalized at our CSC meeting on 2/11/20.

Feedback on SOAR Assembly Attendance Recognition

- Dr. Gile asks the committee to gather feedback from parents within the community regarding the proposal to discontinue recognizing attendance at the SOAR assemblies. Dr. Gile shared that it has been brought to her attention that this practice might not be inclusive and could be unduly excluding students who have no control over whether or not they have perfect

attendance (i.e., illness, family situation, etc). CSC parents agreed to take this concern out to the community for feedback and bring back what they learn to our CSC meeting on 2/11/20.

Next Month's Agenda Items (2/11/20)

- I-Zone Support
- CSC Parent Nominees – next year ideas (We will have one nomination per CSC member). We will have 3 open parent seats.
- Finalize 2020-2021 Calendar