

## Denver Montessori High School / Denver Public Schools

CSC / ELA PAC Meeting Agenda / Minutes

April 18,2019 / 6 - 7pm at DMHS

### Committee Members

Staff: Katy Myers, Principal / Carol DeLong, Office Manager / Hannah Ewert-Krocker, Teacher  
Parents: Bonnie Whitener, Bethani Bianchi, Obdulia Calder, Maida Ahues, Matt Herbert, Barb Wood, Rachel Namoff, Lisa Padilla, Alanna Padilla, Kiahna Calder, Tunisha Hairston-Brown

### Mission Statement

*Individual Challenge. Global Citizenship.*

Denver Montessori Junior/Senior High School (DMHS) will combine Montessori best practices with current research on adolescent brain development to provide a learning environment that promotes high achievement for each student while also supporting them socially and emotionally. Graduates, regardless of ethnicity or income status, will be prepared for college or a career as well as demonstrate ingenuity, adaptability, creativity, initiative and excellent communication and problem solving skills.

### Agenda & Minutes

#### Introductions

- Sean, Kiana's dad
- Esther, Jael's mom
- Lisa, Isabella's mom

#### Celebrations

- Made it to April!
- Graduation venue to be viewed tomorrow
- Community: yesterday's event brought out everyone's best
- Most of testing is done, students took it seriously

#### Minutes Review and Approval

- Revisions

#### Old Business &/or Ongoing

- Parent partnership and teacher assistance: Ultimate Frisbee support / Requests & Wish List / Adopt-an-Advisement / Teacher Appreciation week
  - Goals for next year
    - Advertise at 7th grade orientation for more parent partnerships?
    - Innovation plan (IP: our "constitution"), staff more involvement in development and having more parent involvement & governance - what it looks like. School leadership team or keep on CSC or both? Goal to formalize governance including student council representatives. What are the functional differences between SLT & CSC, would like Tunisha's feedback since has experience? CSC to participate?
    - Parent rep on CSC from every advisement, advisors recruit representation - Bonnie volunteered to facilitate
    - Frisbee, having a parent coach or a student with parent support. Grant money/stipend for that role, Extensive process to include in Innovation Plan. Ken's network for a volunteer?
  - Teacher appreciation: Carol to put out separate email blast for parents week of April 29th, Beth to write email. End of year staff party funded by donation last 2 years. Food, tea, coffee, supplies. Basket to easily drop off?
- Enrollment for 19-20: status

- Full roster, on wait list. Always can use more HS age students
- Deferred enrollment only for DPS schools, outside DPS can choice process
- Bus situation: Work with current juniors to start process this year?
  - next year bell schedule changed to 3:30, finally!
  - RTD pass encouraged for 9-12 years - free if live 2.5 away from school, cannot ride school bus.
- Calendar
  - next year teacher conferences to be during the day
  - Graduation walk date, need to have senior discussion (friday before is parent preferred)
  - International trip coincide with Spring break, then SAT?
    - motion from Beth to approve, Matt seconded, approved

## New Business

- Budget Approval
  - Staffing: very little turnover. Going down to 1 SPED teacher so realigning program for student support team: Lauren, Jennifer and SPED teacher to support entire school (the teacher will not have an advisement). Ken to be half time, Jess new Senior Team Lead, hire specialist for math support and will have better than 20:1 ratio. Leah to be HS program director (no longer science teacher, only teach AP Chemistry - Hired a new HS science teacher). Candace leaving, hired Matt. Both Matt and Robin are going to Adolescent Orientation over summer.
  - Balanced for next year, continue with carry forward to have no issue when lose tier funding.
- Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)
  - Partner this year to help, has been submitted because of due date. Review major improvement strategies
    - Priority Performance Challenge (PPC), keeping same
      - every student is graduating remediation free and career/college ready
      - continue strategies and systems to help teachers feel more valued
      - math, Yao math team specialist. Vision for 6yr perspective

## Topics for Next Meeting / May 15, 6p

- Create action plan for sub-committees: advisement recruitment, frisbee support, Innovation/parent involvement
- Parent ed nights: 7th grade focus, College readiness, Innovation plan input
- When should meetings be?

Meeting end 7:00p