

**Denver Montessori High School / Denver Public Schools**  
**CSC / ELA PAC Meeting Agenda / Minutes**  
**December 3, 2019 / 6 - 7pm at DMHS**  
**February 4, 2020 / 6 - 7pm at DMHS \*rescheduled to 2/11/20**

**Committee Members**

Staff: Katy Myers, Principal / Carol DeLong, Dean of Operations

Parents: Bonnie Whitener & Barb Wood (Co-Chairs), Tunisha Hairston-Brown, Matt Herbert, Matt Vita, Ann Widmer, Jody Thomas, Lauren Rowland, Cajsa Castro, Obdulia Castillo (ELA-PAC rep)

**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/Attendees**

- *Bonnie, Ann, Tunisha (quorum not met 12/3/19)*
- *reinroduce all members present (Matt V, Lauren, Tunisha not present)*

**Celebrations**

- *Innovation Plan unanimously approved*
- *Costa Rica & New York arrive home tomorrow*
- *Educational Foundation positive energies*

**Minutes Review and Approval**

- *quorum not met 12/3/19 move to January meeting (1/2/20 reschedule to February 4, 11)*
- *Approve for November*
  - *Barb motion to approve, seconded by Ann, all approve*

**Old Business &/or Ongoing**

- *SPF Rating Process*
  - *Many have acknowledged that DMHS was harmed by the decisions; however, policy will never be changed while in established year*
    - *SPF Reimagine board voted to follow CDE rating*
  - *Resources and allocation, will get \$600,000 total to improve our school over next 3 years*
    - *Hired Steph for RJ Coordinator (restorative action) & Peace highly qualified math teacher - currently a specialist (will converse about staying)*
  - *In lieu of red status, deferred Enrollments are above capacity, full programs!*
  - *MAPS shown well over 1 year progress since beginning of year, CMAS now before spring break*

**New Business**

- *Hiring Needs*
  - *adding 9/10 math teacher bridging Jr & Sr high school*
  - *official communications in May*
- *Budget*
  - *95-97% goes to salary*
  - *balanced with \$60k carry forward*
- *Teacher \*staff\* Appreciation Week (26)*
  - *April 13-17 is the test-heavy week*
    - *massages?*
    - *decorate doors?*
    - *food/treats/supplies*
      - *daily breakfast*
      - *tamale lunch*
    - *catering (staff party) donations*
- *Calendar*
  - *DPS starts a week earlier in 20-21*

### **Topics for Next Meeting**

- *April 7 at 6p*
  - *Visions*
    - *parent ed*
    - *ways to volunteer*

Meeting Adjourned 6:55p