

# Denver Montessori High School / Denver Public Schools

## CSC / ELA PAC Meeting Agenda / Minutes

October 6, 2020 / 6 - 7pm

via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/97312726417>

### Committee Members

Staff: Cori Herbst, Interim Principal / Carol DeLong, Dean of Operations

Parents: Barb Wood & Bonnie Whitener

### Mission Statement

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### Agenda & Minutes

#### Introductions/Attendees

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#### Gratitude/Celebrations

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#### Minutes Review and Approval

- Approve for June [DMHS CSC 2019.20 Agenda](#)
- Approve for September
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#### Old Business &/or Ongoing

- Return to School Planning Update
  - Virtual vs. Hybrid
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  - Remote Feedback
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- CSC Election/Membership
- Volunteering at DMHS

#### New Business

- Community Concerns
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- Staff
  - Principal search
  - New position
- Budget
  - Current
  - Future

- *Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)*
  - *In process now (*
- *Community Engagement event for 10/20*
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### **Topics for Next Meeting**

- *November 4th, 2020 at 6pm*
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**Introductions/Attendees**

- *Bonnie Whitener*
- *Ann Widmer*
- *Lisa McGrath*
- *Zuly Diaz*
- *Carol LaRocque*
- *Matt Herbert*
- *Matt Vita*
- *Casja Castro-Gurule*
- *Wendy*
- *Barb Wood*
- *Tunisha Hairston-Brown*

**Gratitude/Celebrations**

- *Cori, family commitment for attendance 99.2%!*
- *Ann, child working independently and effectively*
- *Tunisha, surviving after 2 weeks of online learning*
- *Barb, acclimated well to new environment*
- *Carol D, student leadership in norms and games with new students and teachers*
- *Carol L, vital curriculum exposure in classes*
- *Matt, discussions around various platforms*
- *Lisa, supports flexibility in class schedule and passions*

**Minutes Review and Approval**

- *Approve for June [DMHS CSC 2019.20 Agenda](#)*
  - *tabled until next meeting to allow all families to review*

**Old Business &/or Ongoing**

- *Return to School Planning Update*
  - *Virtual vs. Hybrid*
    - *new discussion around hybrid definition; daily in-person and also online*

- *October 21 is the plan, small groups such as advisements could come back as early as September 21. Need to submit a plan to district for approval September 11-18.*
- *Virtual learning plan-review staffing and family needs. May need to divide certain courses through an outside teacher/class.*
- *Parent Feedback Group*
  - *want input from families*
  - *put out virtual opportunities to have a conversation vs. survey*
  - *Looking for feedback week of September 14 to guide the end plan to the district.*

## **New Business**

- *Joining CSC and relevant election business*
  - *Discuss purpose and roles*
    - *Committee responses as a voting membership: Tunisha, Lisa, Anne, Matt V, Cajsa?, Matt H?, Wendy?*
  - *Review of the CSC Bylaws,*
  - *Meeting monthly*
- *New Section to add: Community Concerns*
  - *Bonnie: live instruction/lesson length of time vs. independent work time compared to in-person lesson format (still calibrating, take back to discussion with staff)*
  - *Carol L: actual Camera on/off policy (not required)*
  - *Matt V: Not enough school time/study time (farm school), guided stretching*
  - *Ann: migraine, reinforcing self care and reduced screen time*
- *Remote Learning Updates*
  - *Attendance*
  - *Schedule*
- *Volunteering at DMHS*
  - *Work Day to get grounds looking beautiful before return to school*
    - *230 ways to volunteer - now modified for current environment*
      - advisement parents*
      - garden Wednesdays?*
      - CSC & EF*
      - Graduation Committee*
      - supplies, picked up or delivered*
      - September work day*

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