

Denver Montessori High School / Denver Public Schools
CSC / ELA PAC Meeting Agenda / Minutes
October 6, 2020 / 6 - 7pm
via Zoom

Committee Members

Staff: Cori Herbst, Interim Principal / Carol DeLong, Dean of Operations / Katya & Rae, Senior Team Leads / Anders / Anne
Parents: Barb Wood & Bonnie Whitener

Mission Statement

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Introductions/Attendees

- *Cajsa Castro*
- *Ann Widmer*
- *Tunisha Hairston-Brown*
- *Matt Vita*
- *Eric Burke*
- *Denise*
- *Wendy Todd*
- *Christine Lucero*
- *Anne B, Anders, Katya, and Rae - staff members*

Gratitude/Celebrations

- *Managers came to school today to prepare for in person*
- *Students ready to come back, appreciate teachers efforts*
- *Higher than most attendance, relating to access/internet issues (FS 95%, HS 88%)*
- *Variety of foods and culinary practice at home with families*
- *Student council rituals and excitement for leadership and planning, remembering community*

Minutes Review and Approval

- *Approve for June [DMHS CSC 2019.20 Agenda](#)*
- *Approve for September*
 - *Barb makes motion, Ann seconds, passed.*

Old Business &/or Ongoing

- *Return to School Planning Update*
 - *Virtual vs. Hybrid*
 - *Scheduling released yesterday, start October 21st*
 - *Officially a Hybrid model, small cohorts and some remote instruction happening*

- *Difference between farm and high schools*
 - *farm 97 students: proper staffing, 2x full day/2x remote*
 - *switching is more difficult*
 - *high 66 students: learning center model, 4x most remote come in everyday in classroom with a teacher. Instruction is live stream, staffing limitation*
 - *If in remote, stay remote for 2nd semester (cannot move to in person). If in person, can move to virtual at any time.*
 - *Can come partial schedule*
 - *remote schedule stays very similar*
 - *4-Cohort scheduling vs contact group (who is in the same room)*
 - *Save the date sessions*
- *Remote Feedback*
 - *Teachers: "cameras on" for visual engagement*
 - *Students are showing up*
- *CSC Election/Membership*
 - *4-Cori, Carol, Barb, Bonnie*
 - *Up to 3 teachers*
 - *rotating?*
 - *Parents: Lisa, Tunisha, Ann, Cajs, Denise, Matt V, Wendy T?, Matt H?*
 - denise_atencio-esquibel@dpsk12.org
 - wtodd4020@gmail.com
- *Volunteering at DMHS*
 - *increase in numbers*
 - *possible broken link in form for ?*

New Business

- *Community Concerns*
 - *Other community event options for the future outside of advisement*
 - *Student council, game night, family nights*
- *Staff*
 - *Principal search*
 - *separate meetings, need to start*
 - *New position*
 - *tier intervention funding for .5 position, ILT discussion for what best serves DMHS. Math or Interventionist (allows for other capacities), can straddle both schools carefully*
- *Budget*
 - *Current & Future*
 - *may need a special budget meeting in late Oct/Nov on impacts for 21-22*
- *Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)*
 - *In process now, fist draft due. Not much will change due to COVID interruption*
- *Community Engagement event for 10/20*
 - *How to safely and distanced bring families together for event?*
 - *Sidewalk chalk art evening, designated spots?*
 - *restricted by county mandates of 50, will look up for confirmation*
 - *by advisement?*
- *Extra help by any students willing, contact Carol*

Topics for Next Meeting

- *November 4th, 2020 at 6p*

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- *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*

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- *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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