

Denver Montessori High School / Denver Public Schools

CSC Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2017 – 4pm

Committee Members

Staff:

Katy Myers, Principal / Carol DeLong, Office Manager / Trisha Langlois, Teacher

Parents:

Bonnie Whitener, Co-Chair & Secretary / Bethani Bianchi, Co-Chair / Christine Talley
Dan Logan / Marsha Van't HofRevie / Rowena Alegria / Mimi Alegria / Lisa Padilla / Alana Saragosa

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.

Minutes

Meeting start: 4p / end: 4:58p

- **Introductions**
 - None

- **Celebrations**
 - Katy: Collaboration with Denison and Sandoval principals to have seamless transition for math, our teachers to Denison/Sandoval in May for assessment and get new students into proper placement of Montessori Integrated Math (MIM)
 - Trisha: Have enough funding for sponsorship of some teachers to go to refresher course in February
 - Rowena: Hairspray announcement made today
 - Lisa: Japan trip fundraiser scratchoff tickets
 - Katy: Fundraising committee has vastly expanded since October – have more energy and problem solving
 - Katy: 501c3 for Foundation is now official
 - Katy: Openspace/staff articulated a committee they felt was needed – Calendar simplification but add add/combine community events

- **Minutes Review and Approval**
 - October 12, 2017
 - Amendments: none
 - Approved

- **Old Business &/or Ongoing**
 - Innovation Plan renewal
 - Review Katy's letter to submit plan
 - Foundation & 501c3 fast track status
 - Passed, waiting for formal document of acceptance
 - CSC Goals
 - Review Bylaws/Working Agreements

- Now in IP (Innovation Plan), updated for committee election procedure
- Review Gilpin & Lincoln past bylaws (Carol & Bonnie to forward)
- Parent Ed topics
 - Pathways to College & Career, January 31
- Initiative/Promotion for increased involvement
 - Try conference call with instructions/special equipment – next meeting
 - Fundraising committee – fun things happening like Silent Auction, Chili cook-off
 - Consolidate calendar/combine events to attend fewer but maximize participation
 - Events tab on website & Facebook
 - Add previous minutes to website
- SPF Review
 - Katy discussion with Accountability, Research and Evaluation (ARE) to consider 9th grade differently for us since it is part of farm school and not high school
 - Rowena is on Strengthening Neighborhoods Initiative, asked for a definition for Equity rating – affects lots of schools
- UIP Presentation
 - tabled until next meeting
- Parent communication robocall/email
 - Personal calls from students to promote, effective
 - Be careful it is not overused
- Parent-run business donations
 - Now a Foundation focus
- **New Business**
 - Record Keeping Needs feedback from parents – electronic portfolio
 - Acronyms, to better understand meaning
 - Update missing work, on a specific day of week
 - Inconsistent access, make it easier to see
 - Parent Ed night topic?
 - Google Classroom, embed links
 - Anecdotal vs. Lessons listed, which or both are effective
 - Color code for priority?
- **Topics for the next meeting: January 11, 2018 at 4p**
 - Formal Vote on Innovation Plan
 - How CSC and Foundation will work together
 - Review Lincoln's/Gilpin's past Bylaws to modify/adopt for DMHS
 - UIP Presentation

ACRONYM KEY

ARE: Accountability, Research & Evaluation

CSC: Collaborative School Committee

ELL: English Language Learners

FRL: Free and Reduced Lunch

IC: Infinite Campus

IP: Innovation Plan

MAP: Measure of Academic Progress

MIM: Montessori Integrated Math

POL: Presentation of Learning

PPC: Priority Performance Challenges

SPF: School Performance Framework
(stoplight rating)

UIP: Unified Improvement Plan (essentially =
goal setting for school)