

Denver Montessori High School / Denver Public Schools

CSC / ELA PAC Meeting Agenda / Minutes

January 16, 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 Castillo, Maida Ahues, Matt Herbert, Barb Wood, Rachel Namoff

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

- Lisa Padilla, Alanna Padilla, Kiahna Calder, Tunisha Hairston-Brown (not present: Maida Ahues & Matt Herbert)

Celebrations

- *Largest CSC meeting ever!*
- *Successful musical for HS*
- *Contract signed for HS Grad & Prom*
- *28 kids signed up for deferred enrollment already only 3 days into school choice*
- *Every other month meeting success*

Minutes Review and Approval

- *Revisions*
 - *none*
- *September and November (see subsequent pages)*
 - *approved unanimously for both September and November*

Old Business &/or Ongoing

- *CSC Elections*
 - *All agreed that all present and in past attendance are members as well as those interested for future*
- *Parent partnership and teacher assistance: Ultimate Frisbee support / Requests & Wish List / Adopt-an-Advisement / Teacher Appreciation week*
 - *Direct announcement in Spring for Ultimate Frisbee parent support*
 - *Suggested weekly snack sign up*
 - *Teacher requests/wish list & Adopt-an-Advisement (aka advisement parents to be liaisons)?*
 - *Teacher appreciation week move from Feb to week of April 8 (during testing) - bring food or donate time*
- *Spanish-speaking family involvement*
 - *Intimidation factor? Timing delay for interpreter vs. speed of meeting?*
 - *Suggest Direct phone call to continue to build more personable relationship*
- *Bus situation*

- *Currently they arrive early but stage around the corner due to the bell schedule (at 3:45p) - trying to change to earlier dismissal for 5th year in a row*
- *Next year due to full enrollment: need to ask ask Jr/Sr's to take RTD/drive (carpool?). DPS gets passes for students through RTD*
 - *Work with current Jr's to start process this year?*

New Business

- *Calendar*
 - *Katy to create shortly, will be sent out separately*
 - *Integrate conferences during day/PD time to assist teachers for after school fatigue*
- *Budget*
 - *Should have most information by Feb 1, keep calendar open for possible emergency approval meeting*
- *UIP focuses on:*
 - *1-career and college readiness,*
 - *2-math program*
 - *3-teachers having sustainable environment*
 - *4-*
- *Enrollment for 19-20*
 - *Mostly Denison families, Sandoval is pushing as well. Ending early on Feb 4 in case lottery is required*
 - *Goal hit on deferred, all 45 spots filled and on track for full enrollment. Siblings now can be accepted that previously did not defer enrollment (due to assumption of sibling priority) because of student attrition to other schools*
 - *Announce that siblings should always defer apply in the future!*
- *DTCA potential strike*
 - *Salary agreement expires this Friday, staff hopeful but strike vote possible. The teachers committed to striking is high based on polling/and likely to pass if put to vote next Saturday. If strike happens, likely Jan 28 - state could intervene making a strike illegal*
 - *Majority of our teachers will likely strike*
 - *DPS goal is to keep buildings open, students will continue to be fed*
 - *DCTA website and District emails for further information*
- *Remaining meetings - make sure they are correct and up to date on the calendar*
 - *March, May*

Topics for the next meeting / March 13, 6pm:

- *Budget Approval*

Meeting end 7:10p