

Denver Montessori High School / Denver Public Schools

CSC Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2017 – 4:30p

Committee Members

Staff:

Katy Myers, Principal / Carol DeLong, Office Manager / Leah Bry, Teacher

Parents:

Bonnie Whitener, Co-Chair & Secretary / Christine Talley, Co-Chair / Debra Figueroa, ELA/PAC?

Frank Currie / Barb Wood / Jolee Mann / Rowena 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: 4:35p / end: 5:35p

• **Introductions**

- Bonnie Whitener, parent of 1 student in farm school
- Dan Logan, parent of 2 students
- Carol DeLong, Office Manager
- Mimi Alegria, 9th grade student and Art Manager
- Rowena Alegria, parent of 2 students
- Beth Bianchi, parent of 1 student in farm school
- Katy Myers, Principal
- Marsha, parent of high school student
- Christine Talley, parent of high school student
- Trisha, Teacher (not present)

• **Celebrations:**

- Ultimate Frisbee having a great season (Katy)
- Great class of Incoming 7th graders (Katy)
- Success in student manager group, transitioning appointments from fall to previous spring (Katy)
- Selling vegetables in Farm Share (Beth)
- Coffee shop extended classroom (Dan)
 - funded by Great Work Montessori
 - sharing with Compass in afternoon
 - Soft opening around 13th, grand opening 31st

• **Minutes:**

- First meeting of year, none to review

- **Old Business &/or Ongoing**
 - Parent Contract
 - Implemented for 2017-2018 registration
 - Foundation status
 - Moving to complete 501c3
 - Establishment will create separate meeting
 - Some members will transfer over

- **New Business:**
 - Confirm meeting time/date for new school year
 - 2nd Thursday of month, 4-5pm
 - Accommodate for all members who cannot come consistently with conference call
 - New Co-Chair since Christine will move to Foundation
 - Beth Bianchi to Co-Chair with Bonnie
 - CSC Goals
 - Topics for parent education events
 - Commitment to Excellence contract
 - Increasing CSC involvement and participation through promotion
 - Initiative name?
 - Google drive for Parent questions/concerns and post minutes/agendas
 - Media/Video report or commercial “Not the PTA”
 - High school internships – increase amount and quality
 - Community meeting speakers – more diversity
 - PARCC Results
 - 7th graders struggle, 8th do better, 9th did very well – typical of 3 year cycle
 - PSAT – average
 - Anticipate higher scores based on incoming students
 - Consistently exemplar for DPS on teaching methods
 - Equity rating
 - Anticipate Red status – appeal to get higher credit (yellow/green/blue) in SPF
 - DPS issue with counting 9th with 7th-8th (white vs POC students) since DPS counts 9th as high school and DMHS’ 9th is farm school
 - Montessori Integrated Math
 - purchased curriculum
 - Staff training/professional development to successfully implement
 - Topics Upcoming through Year
 - Renewal of Innovation Plan (October)
 - Adjustments to be made?
 - CSC to read/approve?
 - UIP
 - Katy to present to educate CSC
 - Budget approval (February)
 - Permanent DMHS placement at Smedley - Board of Education meeting (Spring)

- **Topics for the next meeting / October 12, 2017 at 4p:**
 - **Renewal for Innovation Plan**
 - **Presentation on UIP**
 - **Review Bylaws/Working Agreements**
 - **SPF results**
 - **Parent communication**

ACRONYM KEY

CSC: Collaborative School Committee

SPF: School Performance Framework

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

PPC: Priority Performance Challenges

ELL: English Language Learners

MAP: Measure of Academic Progress

F&RL: Free and Reduced Lunch

POL: Presentation of Learning

IC: Infinite Campus