

**Cory CSC  
Minutes  
December 5, 2013  
4-6 p.m. in the Cory Library**

**Members:** Jennifer Harris (Principal), Ksenia Popke (Co-Chair), Michelle Bills (Co-Chair), Jay Willoughby (Parent Representative), Susan Levy (Parent Representative), David Fowler (Community Representative), Betsy Sedig (Para Representative), Linda Durgin (Teacher- Primary Representative), Martha Biery (Intermediate Representative), Debbie Stricker (Intermediate Representative), and Chris Pagliaro (Specials Teacher Representative)

**Committee Updates:**

- ELA PAC: up and coming : trying to recruit parents
- School Culture (Staff): Mystery assembly went well/motivating students. The teachers are brainstorming more awards / refining what each award is.
- We have a new para position with funding provided by the special Ed dept. to support our kids

**Leadership Team Updates :**

Vision draft – Jennifer to create a web page / survey for all leadership to go through the different vision statements and pull out key themes and words that stand out so we can come up with a concise, yet inclusive vision statement. The Cory Creed is NOT going away. We will make our vision and the Creed compatible. Reconvene at the January meeting.

Volunteer coordinators to create a Cory volunteer handbook draft ready for feb.:

We are looking for a volunteer coordinator to organize Cory's volunteers and to be sure each volunteer gets a copy of a handbook as well as signs background check info if they are going to be volunteering in the classroom.

**SKCEE/Merrill Update**

SKCEE: The center has asked that we not pressure the Cory kinder parents to help with Friends of Cory or to do classroom projects for the auction as they have their own fundraising efforts to do as well. We are going to invite the Kinder parents to attend the auction as well as offer 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher treasure options for the incoming first graders / Kinder parents to begin to include them in the community.

Merrill: Jay Willoughby updated us on the coat drive and Katie Couric visit at Merrill and expressed his interest in strengthening our bonds between the two schools to try to keep more of our great families in the neighborhood.

**Principal Update**

The Budget process is beginning:

Dec. 18th Enrollment projections coming up

Jan 8th feedback from principals

Jan 10th final projection #s are given out

Jennifer will share the numbers with us when she has them at the next meeting

Community input on rescheduling the concert was a mixed bag.

**Family Engagement Standards:**

Compare to DPS values and match our standards to DPS values

Everyone agreed to read over and assign tasks in January

**Misc.**

We discussed creating a regular agenda item called “What’s on your mind” to make sure we are sharing and collaborating on any buzz that is going on in the school.

A “Dream Team coordinator” will be added to the volunteer list for a person to work with Jennifer on organizing the students in some charitable activities and to help select the projects and/or causes that the school can/will take on.