

**Cory CSC**  
**October 4, 2012**

**Present:**

CSC members in attendance: Wendy Ladner, Whitney Colley, Betsy Sedig, Deb Stricker, Martha Biery, Lucy Pfeffer, Susan Robertson, Ksenia Popske, Sara McDonnell. A quorum existed the entire meeting.

Community Members in attendance: Sian Miletich

**Welcome and Introductions**

There were no introductions needed this evening.

**Community Input**

None, but thanks to Sian for coming and bringing food and drink again.

**Update on Superintendent Forum:**

Wendy and Ksenia reported on the superintendent forum. Main discussion items were:

- DPS shared values, identified in an all-day planning session over the summer with DPS staff. The values are: Students First; Integrity; Equity; Collaboration; Accountability; Fun. There seems to a focus on team building and communication in DPS.
- DPS mill levy and bond

**CSC Training**

Key points from the CSC training:

- SIAC is the parent CSC for the district. They are looking for people to join.
- Roles of CSC including its role with the UIP.
- A focus on effective communication and the need to move CSCs from “pretense” and “sincerity” to “accuracy” and “authenticity.”
- A few challenges identified during the training will be: 1) understanding why some scores dropped at Cory and how we can reverse the trend; 2) keeping parents engaged in some capacity in the upper grades; and 3) looking at whether there is attrition at the upper levels that affects the scores, and if so, why that is happening.

**Agenda for Oct 11 parent forum**

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Welcome and introductions

Purpose of parent forum

Parent input (15 min)

TCAP results - Jennifer Harris

Discussion

## Closing

Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input on general topics as well as TCAP. We don't need to provide answers to all questions but can get back to parents on issues at a later time.

TCAP scores and data will be presented. We will hear about trends, etc. and get guidance on how to read the data most effectively

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Any CSC member that can bring snack food, that will be very useful.

## **Personnel Committee**

This is a committee for teachers and parents. Every school has one. There needs to be 2 parents to join the personnel committee. Susan Robertson will put something out in the Cory Connection regarding the personnel committee. Guidelines will be reviewed by Susan to see how to complete the nomination.

## **Community Member CSC nomination**

Michelle Olree was nominated. She has 5 kids in the area and has strong neighborhood ties.

Sian Miletich was also nominated. She has lived in the area for 10 years. She is actively involved at Cory. She is a member of the Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association.

The CSC voted and Sian is now the new CSC Community Member.

## **School Leadership Team**

What is its role and what is its relationship to the CSC. Susan spoke about the differences between the CSC and School Leadership Team (SLT) and provided a handout with a side-by-side comparison of the two groups. SLT more data based and looks at schedule and more specifically about instruction.

## **Principal Update - (presented in abbreviated form by Susan as Jennifer was not available)**

- Student count shows that we are down one student from what is needed to meet budget projections.
- Unified Improvement Plan schedule - CSC will get regular updates. The data is being evaluated right now to inform the development of the UIP.
- Staff is looking at individual data to determine if there are any trends in terms of test performance that need to be addressed.

## **Other topics discussed:**

- Para support funds may be negatively affected at Cory as a result of PTA having been proactive in paying for paras in the past. This is still getting figured out and we will get updates later.

**Adjourn**