

**CSC**  
**April 4, 2013**

**CSC Members Present:** Betsy Sedig, Martha Biery, Lucy Pfeffer, Debbie Stricker, Sian Miletich, Susan Robertson, Whitney Colley, Ksenia Popke, Jennifer Harris, Wendy Ladner

**CSC Members Absent:** Sara McDonnell

**Community Members Present:** Jana Roush (parent), Teresa Becker (DPS)

**Minutes** - The minutes of the March 21 meeting were approved unanimously with changes noted.

**Meeting agreements** - Susan read a clarification from Michael Simmons on the confidentiality item from the CSC working agreement. CSC members signed the working agreement.

The committee discussed community input and felt it should be at the beginning of the meeting to encourage more participation (rather than at the end as recommended in the training). They voted unanimously in favor of having it at the beginning of the meeting.

**Safety committee** - no updates from Jennifer; the committee is meeting next week.

**ELA committee** - Cory is required to have a committee based on DPS guidelines. The ELA parent advisory breakfast is on Friday, April 5th. Current members - Abir Alkabbani, Mohamed Husein, Alison O'Connell (para), Jan Struharik (ELA teacher), Jennifer Harris. Information about ELA and call for volunteers will be in Cory Connection.

**CSC Nominations** - Positions needing to be filled include:

- 2 parent positions (Susan's and Ksenia's positions)
- 1 community position
- 1 teacher position (Lucy's position – this needs to be filled by a primary teacher)
- 1 professional staff (Betsy)

The group voted unanimously to appoint Ksenia to Sara's position as Sara is vacating her position one year early, and Ksenia filled Stephanie Henry's one-year position this year.

The teacher nomination process will take place parallel to the parent process.

A timeline for the parent nominations will be as follows:

4/19 - nominations due

4/22- 4/26 - ballots (Susan will research survey monkey; otherwise ballots will be in Thursday folders)

5/2 - new CSC members attend CSC meeting

**Survey results** – Participants were asked to look at the results from the parent and teacher surveys and identify themes or key issues that emerged from the data. Points identified included the following:

Things that could be improved:

- More consistency in training for volunteers
- More training on what is expected from the parents/kids as they enter
- Orientation for 1st grade, 2/3, 4/5
- More info on grade level standards (samples with monthly letters, explanations of standards)
- System of volunteers/point person to organize volunteers, including info to the point person on what is covered in every grade level for coordination purposes
- Expectations of volunteers from year to year
- Inventory of skills / talents present in the parent population that can support the curriculum
- Parent groups for HGT, ELA, special ed, etc.
- PIN Nights – Parent Interest Nights – on specific topics (such as social-emotional development, etc.)
- Create resource and opportunity for parents to know where lectures/speakers are available
- Cory Creed – Start and end the week with it in addition to the Pledge of Allegiance? (Jennifer noted that it is not being used because the vision hasn't been revisited for 10 years and will be revisited at the fall summit with PTA,CSC, SLT members. She also noted that classroom teachers can use the Cory Creed in their classrooms.)
- Increased partnership between parents and teachers for supporting the academics at the school
- Link on website to provide comments/ questions to CSC
- Greater consistency in communication from teachers

Things that are going well or are valued:

- Community events
- Communication from teachers on a regular basis
- Principal's emphasis on the role of the family in academics
- Literacy/ curriculum nights on the calendar ahead of time

### **Family Community Forum (April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)**

#### Topics

1. Informational Pieces:
  - CSC information and nomination process
  - New instructional model
  - Parent portal
2. Discussion Topics (small groups, each with a summary page of ideas and an affirming question to prompt discussion)

- HGT and other specialty groups
- Parents as academic partners (more communication from parents)
- Volunteer system

(Fundraising was also identified as a key issue, but it was decided that this should be a discussion left to PTA)

Desired Outcomes of Forum:

- Parents understand the new instructional model, the parent portal, and the CSC
- Parents feel that they have had the opportunity to provide input on other identified topics
- Parents are given the opportunity to sign up and help with the identified topics

Draft Agenda

- Welcome and introductory info, including informational pieces
- Small group discussions in round-robin format (each group facilitated by a parent/teacher team)
- Wrap-up and 2-3 things mentioned to tell the rest of the group

Marketing

Thursday folder, announce at the auction, Cory Connection, kids to make posters, teachers' email blast, drawings (does anyone have prizes we can use?)

**DPS parent survey** – This survey will be coming out shortly. Jennifer thinks it is weighted differently this year so we don't need to do big incentive program to get the surveys back. We will just need to put info in the Cory Connection about this.

**Party**

The last meeting of the CSC will be on May 2.  
On May 30 at Wendy's house, there will be a CSC/SLT/PTA gathering for outgoing and incoming members. Thanks Wendy for hosting!!

**Agenda for May 2nd**

- UIP update
- Budget
- Introductions/Orientation for new CSC members
- Elect chair and secretary of CSC
- Forum wrap-up
- Principal review – Susan will check on the process for this

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.