

CSC Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11 2018

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Cory Elementary School Library

Cory Creed & Values (Mission Statement)

Students First: At Cory we love learning and laughter

Accountability: We grow by trying new things and learning from our mistakes

Collaboration: We embrace challenges with the courage to do our best

Integrity: We persevere

Equity: We show respect for our community through caring, responsible actions

Fun: We celebrate each others' differences and accomplishments

Attendees

CSC committee members

- Bill Esbenshade, Co-Chair & Parent Rep
- Tyson Sollenberger, Co-Chair & Parent Rep
- Jennifer Daily, Secretary & Parent Rep
- Jennifer Grumman, PTA & Parent Rep
- Liz Tencate, Principal
- Patty Kozma, Primary Teacher Rep.
- Katie McOwen, 4/5 Teacher Rep
- Angela Alexander, Specials Teacher Rep

Discussion Items

Agenda Item #1	Share draft mission/vision statements (Liz) and gather feedback from CSC
Options/Points Raised:	Mission/vision development process: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed several of the parent surveys, identifying what parents love about Cory, what are frustrations.• Drew on staff work at start of year – e.g. feedback from staff on what love working at Cory, strengths and areas of challenge frustration.• Cory Creed, previous Cory mission.• Looked at examples from other schools organizations etc.• Cory School Leadership Team developed draft, got feedback from staff. Vision: where do you want to be ideal state. Mission: how will u get there, roadmap to achieve vision.
Decision or Recommendations:	CSC positive about the draft vision and mission, and made some minor suggestions. Agreed to think about it some more and provide feedback to Liz
Agenda Item #2:	Status update UIP and school budget (Liz)

Options/Points Raised:	<p>UIP: no word yet from the district.</p> <p>School budget: coming soon, but no info yet from district. Liz will bring to CSC some ideas. Good news is enrollment up and projected to be up, considerations: maintain staffing model, look for a way to add a teaching position to support math intervention and compacting.</p>
Decision or Recommendations:	No action, waiting on district. Possibility of needing to meet before the next scheduled CSC meeting to discuss budget.
Agenda Item #3:	Update re principal search process (Bill and Liz)
Options/Points Raised:	<p>Timeline: Tom is available on Feb 21st to interview the final candidates; schedule for selection will now be based off of this.</p> <p>Committee: 9 members right now, no non-teaching member, TBD if can go forward this group. Liz maybe an advisor in some capacity. (Alona will determine).</p> <p>Thus far have 4 applicants, possible to have more before deadlines.</p>
Decision or Recommendations:	Several items waiting on feedback from District/Alona; Liz to follow up.
Agenda Item #4:	Updates re GT/HGT program/vision; updates on math compacting and work with GT dept., Front Row Inquiry Projects (Liz)
Options/Points Raised:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liz provided an update on GT/HGT thinking, SLT and staff have been thinking about how we refine and build out programming, what opportunities are there to build pedagogy around HGT/GT. One theme that staff is exploring is inquiry (i.e. kids follow a deep interest, passion) as a big component of GT. Cory has been piloting a program called Front Row. Many Cory teachers using different aspects of it in their classroom. Not a curriculum itself, but a supplement, heightens engagement in particular areas. Within Front Row there are many subjects/activities including inquiry based projects which differ for each grade and are tied to the standards that are being taught. For teachers, it can provide projects that go deeper into areas that the kids are working on, with advantage of not having to reinvent the wheel. Kids seem to like it. Front Row will be coming to the school.
Decision or Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSC positive feedback on Front Row and direction this work is heading Recommended taking opportunity to review of all the subscriptions/licenses that the school is paying for to ensure they still meet needs/add value.
Agenda Item #5:	Scheduling of two required constituency meetings (Bill)
Options/Points Raised:	<p>Proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st meeting in February that would encompass town hall meeting with principal prospects; 2nd meeting early May to discuss GT/HGT program/vision and for meet and greet with new principal, get general feedback from parents.
Decision or Recommendations:	CSC agreed, first meeting to be scheduled as part of the principal selection.

Agenda Item #6:	Para support for larger classrooms or classrooms with clusters of difficult children — is it adequate?
Options/Points Raised:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there ways to address any problems in this area, like a “floating para” who could provide additional help for a classroom with a cluster of difficult children? • Liz, relevant teachers and paras working to provide additional support.
Decision or Recommendations:	Working to address issue.
Agenda Item #7:	School temperature solutions
Options/Points Raised:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSC discussed that temperature issues aren’t just when it is hot outside, lately it is cold out and school remains quite hot. • Can put a work order in for someone from DPS facility management to come out and assess situation, (possible this has been done in the past) however this will take time as right now there is a district wide project in the queue (replacing all locks) that is taking priority over any other requests. • Tyson email describes what Lincoln did.
Decision or Recommendations:	
Agenda Item #8:	Other issues not covered: making field trips more productive, when/how to start recruiting new CSC parent reps and teacher reps, etc.
Options/Points Raised:	
Decision or Recommendations:	Hold over for next CSC meeting. Thurs Feb 8 th 4PM

Action Items		
Task to be Done	Person Responsible	Due Date
Provide any additional feedback on mission/vision	All	Before next CSC
Follow up with Alona on principal search committee composition, timeline	Liz	
Schedule the Feb town hall meeting to vet principal candidates / CSC’s first of two constituent meetings for 2017/2018.	Bill (CSC liaison to principal selection committee), after receiving timeline from Alona.	

