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CSC Meeting Minutes

2019-2020 school year
Cory Elementary
1550 S. Steele St.
Denver, Colorado 80210

Date: 12-5-2019

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Cory Elementary School Library

Committee Members Attendance:

CSC Member Name	Position/Role	Present/Absent
Carrie Bernstein	Parent Rep/Senior Chair	Present
Erin Hegel	Parent Rep	Absent
Joan Weiser	Principal	Present
Jenna Javernick	4/5 Teacher Rep	Present
Dianna Golden	Primary Teacher Rep	Present
Kara Fuchs	Primary Teacher Rep	Present
Shahla Hebets	Parent Rep	Present
Amber Bourgeois	Teacher Rep	Present
Kiva Thompson	PTA Liaison/Secretary	Present
Brent Conklin	Specials Teacher Rep	Present

Additional Attendance: Dawn Miller

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order 4:03 pm• Quorum established.
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2. Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA subcommittee • Water Fountains • Soap dispensers empty • Reminder about washing hands • Front office operations
<p>Options/Points Raised:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group discussed Safety committee established by the PTA to help with addressing day to day concerns for drivers. - Joan noted additional information has been sent out to parents re: safe driving. - Kiva mentioned that parents may not be the issue as many commuters who travel the neighborhood may not have children at Cory, who may live or work in and around the 5 neighborhood schools. - Suggestion made to connect with Cory-Merrill neighborhood association to help remind neighbors about safety around schools. - Teachers noted concerns re: water fountains still not working. Some have been fixed, but a new part needed to be ordered. Still on the district repair list. - Discussed need for all to assist with letting someone know if soap is empty. Joan to ensure facility custodians are checking this on their routine cleaning. - Concerns for 'lots of sickness' going around school. Reminders to wash hands, also connections to refilling soap, out to parents. - Suggested messaging come from school nurse rather than school principal for more health focus. - Alison is primary front office staff, other teachers and paras are there for support and are not being taken from classroom time to fulfill this need. - A sub has been hired for times when Alison is sick or unable to be at work to allow teaching staff to remain – delay due to HR issues, but available soon.
3. Agenda Review/Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from 11/7/19 emailed for review; Approved for website posting 12/3/19 • Action items from 11/7/19 minutes reviewed:

Decision or Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kiva made CSC report for November at PTA meeting 11/8/19 - Kiva connected traffic/parking/kiss-n-go safety information to Kelly Woodard on PTA on 11/18/19. PTA sub-committee will begin working on these issues and report back when able. - Joan was unable to connect with Merrill principal prior to this meeting re: Innovation “light” but discussed ideas with Cory SLT who determined this was not the right direction for Cory at this time. - Joan connected with Dawn Miller for STEM/STEAM discussion, who was present for this meeting to discuss with group.
4. Principals Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. See 5e.
5c. Expansion of STEM/STEAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Miller present to discuss current actions of integration for STEM at Cory. • Discussed thoughtful collaboration happening in partnership with classroom units for 2nd and 3rd grade for Trimester 2. • Discussed ability to “check out” items from district for experiential and hands of activities and scholastic funds for makers space supplies. • There have been sound partnerships with SLT to review upcoming units and prepare for needs of STEM integration. • Thoughtful planning for future as well to ensure curricular changes can accommodate the longevity of STEM/STEAM at Cory.
Options/Points Raised:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers expressed support for efforts by Dawn to ensure activities enhance units and build collaborative learning opportunities. - Kara Fuchs mentions limited use of iPads as the technology is outdated and unable to support current updates and/or apps that students use for current STEM activities. - Dawn made request for 30 new iPads to replace the current ones
Decision or Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - iPad needs to be presented to the PTA. - Recommendation for Dawn to compile more comprehensive list of needs for PTA to direct funding through mini-grants and fundraising efforts.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation for additional parent education to ensure community knowledge of STEM/STEAM already occurring at Cory.
5a. Future Parent education events/opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering Screenagers sequel (Spring) as follow up to initial viewing • Other options discussed included Security presentations by DPS or Local law enforcement and Social/Emotional presentations addressing current topics of need (bullying)
Options/Points Raised:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group discussed need for more parent input to ensure topics are relevant and of interest for adequate attendance. - Also proposed standing day/time, each trimester, to allow for scheduling and consistency.
Decision or Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommended query with PTA for topics re: interests, frequency of events, and how often events should occur.
5b. Update on HGT model and new GT teacher role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest expressed in having Annie present information to CSC • Interest expressed to have a GT night for parents to also review and discuss HGT integrated model
Options/Points Raised:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joan mentioned GT night in works for February. This would be a community event. - Teachers felt things with GT working well and appreciate the thoughtful transitions and slower pace with new attention on GT.
Decision or Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation raised to continue with planning for February CSC meeting centered on GT with additional marketing for parent attendance.
5e. Budget Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations underway for release in January. • Joan to gather input from each teacher group re: concerns, desires, and planning.
Options/Points Raised:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joan to provide exact budget release date when able. - CSC to remain flexible in response to this release due to requirement for CSC review and approval.
Decision or Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation for CSC to be available for budget meeting in January that may be off cycle from scheduled CSC meeting.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation for Joan to continue pre-meetings with staff as determined to ensure productive January meeting as budget approval has strict turn-around dates.
5f. Other items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None discussed.

Important Calendar Items:

- PTA First Friday: December 6, 8:45am/ January 10, 2020, 8:45am
- Next CSC meeting: January 9, 2020, 4:00pm
- Winter Break: December 23, 2019 – January 6, 2020

Action Items	Person Responsible
CSC report to PTA/Query for Parent Events/ and iPads	Kiva
Connections for Cory Merrill neighborhood Assoc.	Kiva
Budget release date	Joan
Communication with Annie for GT presentation	Joan
Comprehensive list of STEM/STEAM needs	Dawn

Cory Vision:

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Cory Mission:

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- Differentiated instruction that drives academic growth and sparks the curiosity of every child.
- Explorations of the world around us.
- Opportunities for creative expression using technology and the visual and performing arts.
- A focus on a healthy mind and body

We build authentic and lasting relationships within the school community *through*:

- A focus on social-emotional learning and mindfulness practices.
- Celebrating each other's differences and accomplishments.
- Respectful, caring, and responsible actions.

We inspire students to be globally aware, inquisitive, and compassionate individuals *through*:

- Authentic connections to the community, country, and world.
- Inquiry based learning.
- Service learning and social action projects.

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