

Denver Public Schools, Denver School of the Arts

Collaborative School Committee

Minutes: December 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 4:37. Members present: Diane Anderson (parent), Garth Gibson (parent), Deb Rosenbaum (faculty/secretary), Patti Bippus (principal), Lori Willard (parent), Donna Mosely (parent), Ben Siller (chair, parent), Michael Thornton (faculty), Andrea Wiseman (faculty), James Walker (community business).

Call to order

Principals Report

Patti reported on a principal's meeting she attended on Data-Driven Decision Making. She believes it is a good way to collect, organize, and question data for our school improvement planning. We can use the system to review, analyze and target needs with the data we have collected.

School Improvement Plan

What are the reasons scores dip and dive? Patti showed analysis of ACT, AP, and some new charts created by the new language arts facilitator. It might be more efficient to look at specific grade levels and content areas in smaller groups of our committees. Do grade plateaus have to do with kids giving up on CSAP's as they get older, boredom, teen angst? Maybe part of our 3-year goal should be to spend the first year doing research on **why** the trends happen, and then target the need and strategy. How can we combine skills learned in the art areas with academic skills?

What makes community at DSA? Sense of belonging and responsibility that exists here is unique and may be something to track and analyze.

There was a discussion of the DSA audition procedures regarding consistency in questioning. If we did not have a good program, we would not have these issues.

Patti will make more copies of the stats for us for next meeting so we can negotiate and question the data. We will break into CSAP reading, writing, math and ACT groups at next meeting. We will use the packet from Patti's workshop as a guide.

Next meeting January 10, Wednesday at 4:30. It may last until 6:30 to cover the materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.