

**Denver School of the Arts
Collaborative School Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 14, 2008**

A meeting of Collaborative School Committee (CSC) was held in Conference Room 2 at the Denver School of the Arts from 4:30pm until 6:00pm. Members present included:

Pamela Hawkins Jonathan Howard Andrea Wiseman Donald Brizendine Gregory Diggs
Lucy Phillips Meredith Branscombe-Lewis **Linée T. Perroncel-Principal**

Guests: Amy Wright

Budget Review

Scheduling.

CU Succeeds. Working with Jason from UCD. Those credits follow students. Will keep AP credits as well. If we have enough classes, students might be able to leave school with an AA degree. This is one of the emerging trends in DPS. Every area will have at least one CU Succeed class; some will have multiple classes. This is one way that we can offer more electives as a school. Particularly some college level classes.

Some discussion about partnership and implications for scheduling and electives, art, language, photography, science (physics)...extensive and coming together beautifully. (Linee). Lots of choices, some parallel strands (e.g., physics as part of CU succeeds or not). Principal will be working with different departments to develop scheduling that will meet all of the student needs.

Budget Meeting

Want to purchase paras to be shared between 6 Arts departments, but might not have funds for that at the moment. Will try to roll forward some money that can be converted to para money later...in the Fall. May be able to buy one para. Ultimately want to hire 3 para positions. Will work it out in the budget...but currently outside of the budget.

All positions will be kept except the one position to be RIBed. The Social Studies position that was added through classroom size relief funding was not a part of the 07-08 budget and therefore needs to be RIBed. Not including the one position...everyone who is here is staying and will be classified as full time.

Reduced 1.0 Social Studies position [General consensus].

Talked about CTE (career technical education) opportunities and planning. Particularly around computers and technology. CEC as well. Career Education Center, Talked about politics and opportunities. Want to increase relationship, but not compete. Looking forward to increased collaboration.

Stay tuned for final forms and allocations. Updated staffing sheets. Will get them out before next meeting.

Challenges

Challenge the school faces is around funding and equipment that is shared within the school. No budget for new equipment, shared. Who pays for that? Like a sound system. Need to plan for shared equipment. Piano tuning, maintenance. Particularly if other folks (departments, staff, etc.) also use the equipment.

Talked about changing culture and climate. Moving into a time of plenty...of resources...where departments do not have to always worry about where they are gonna live and how they are gonna eat. Encouragement about transparency in budgeting if a line item for shared school expenses/shared maintenance is created. May propose a figure 20% of the Arts budget...like \$15K. So proposed. General consensus. Will form committee to explore this with needs assessment and coordination of the effort (Jonathan Howard proposal). Looking at how money will be allocated and spent. Will work on that for the future.

We talked about providing more funds to the academic departments for equipment/software and making commons space more useable for different departments.

Might need to finalize budget considerations before the 29th of February.

Meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Next meeting will be March 6th, 4:30pm.