

CSC - March 5, 2009

## Meeting Minutes

### **Linee nominated Sue Gonzalez to replace Don as Chair of the CSC committee. General consensus**

Don reported on Principal selection process. Antwan has the list and will be finalizing the committee.

### **Study Group**

SLT Faculty will be voting on contractual language on case load and course number, then goes to CSC for modifications and suggestions. Will be looking at a modified Block Schedule 4 Blocks a day. Once a week a phantom 8<sup>th</sup> Block would be used for a variety of things: study hall, student council, club meeting times and/or advisory time.

### **Budget Report from the Principal**

DPS process is not easy. Process ignores that we have a committee that is supposed to participate. (Don suggests): Maybe we could draft a letter from the CSC that highlights challenges and concerns. Linee thinks that Tom would be receptive to a letter from the CSC. Process changes from year to year.

No more Table X money...\$250K still in budget, but not protected. We don't benefit from HGT funds...we get a .25FTE...but not adequate...particularly with unfunded mandate of ALPs for G and HGT kids. Increasing graduation requirements is unfunded. So there are questions about impact on our budget. We bring in 1.5 million from out of district such that they make a profit; but we get no financial benefit from that.

If 930 is stable in fall, then we could look at things like: Why are we not getting HGT funds?

In the future CSC may want to pursue working with Antwan to identify budget issues that could more favorably impact DSA. Particularly around unfunded mandates and unrealized allocations.

Update on the 2.5% cut. Nothing is concrete...we do not know if we will get it back or not. Might get it back in May. If we get it, it will pay for the loans we received. If we got that, we could hire counselor and student advisor right away...and still keep our loans.

Acceptance Rejection waitlist. They are all out. Our letters went out Tuesday, while other schools went out during the previous week. But things are moving along now. May do a second round of auditions in May and it was recommended by Antwan that we do a second round regardless of circumstances...in order to ensure a healthy waitlist. We might only do second round of auditions for majors that do not have a waitlist. Principal feels good about the numbers...we are currently at 967...with traditional trends we should be at around 930. Have about 200 on the will call list. Should be okay in terms of numbers.

All majors are essentially full, piano, video-cinema do not have waitlists.

### **Personnel Committee**

Personnel committee acted with fidelity to process as encouraged by the CSC. Came up with a positive scenario. No current cuts. All current staffing stays in place. We did convert nurse and social services back to 5 days. When we are in the position to do hiring, the PC will be commissioned to fill the Counseling position first and foremost with student advising to be second consideration. School Accountability Liaison duties has a stipend, any teacher can do it; does not have to be an administrator or student advisor. Will plan to have a teacher take on the responsibilities.

### **Other Discussion:**

Got two loans and one gift for teachers. Helped us to not reduce FTE in building.

Discussed the importance of knowing which students do not plan to return for the next year.

CSC talked about hosting a new parent-student meeting in May. Tricky time with graduation, senior projects and other activities. Maybe during registration week? Stagecraft invites new students to the end of year banquet.

Will begin to contact applicant parents in order to be available for questions that people might have in their decision – making process.

### **Transparency and Collaboration Committee**

Transparency and Collaboration...will be asking parents about things that have worked in the past. Update about changing the name from the communications committee. Transparency means flow of information and collaboration

End of year Calendar-Sue

Sue provided a draft of a calendar that can be used by the CSC for planning during the remainder of this year as well as the fall.