

Denver Public Schools, Denver School of the Arts

Collaborative School Committee

Minutes: September 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 4:37. Members present: Diane Anderson (parent), Garth Gibson (parent), Rob Styron (faculty/chair), Deb Rosenbaum (faculty/secretary), David Posner (parent), Patti Bippus (principal), Lori Willard (parent), Donna Mosely (parent), Pamela Hawkins (faculty), Ben Siller (parent).

Introductions, call to order

General Housekeeping—CSC Organization and Structure

Rob will be resigning from the Committee due to grad school obligations.

Rob suggested that we have two high school student reps so they do not feel intimidated by adults.

Recruit juniors and seniors, those who drive, those who fill in departmental representation holes.

Ben asked whether the CSC is covered in the union teachers contract. Patti said it was taken out of the contract when it changed from the CDM to the CSC. Ben questioned whether the CSC is losing power and duplicating work done by other committees (i.e. Professional Development Committee, Personnel Committee).

Patti suggested CSC have a rep (either a parent or teacher) from every major to create a more representational group. We can restructure the group to fit the needs of DSA. Garth feels we are under-represented in the math and language arts area when we discuss CSAP scores and an academic rep would be useful. Maybe we can draft the new facilitators. Deb will write personal invitations to several math and language arts teachers who have superior CSAP improvement scores to join CSC.

We will all think about ways to recruit equal distribution of reps. We have holes in Orchestra, Band, Piano, Cinema, and Stagecraft and Patti will invite students from those majors to the next meeting. Deb will send an e-mail to the art departments who we do not have representation for and ask them to recruit a parent, faculty member or student from their department to come to the next meeting.

Principals Report

Patti shared CSAP and ACT statistics with several charts. Math is by far our weakness at DSA.

New CSAP Analysis Worksheet provides info in a very easy to read format which allows us to target specific groups. This document will help us set goals for the year.

Composition of committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting, September 26, Tuesday at 4:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57.