

## The Collaborative School Committee (CSC)

- √ We are a voluntary and elected advisory board for the Denver School of the Arts. Our members are composed of: 1 Principal, 1 Staff, 4 Teachers, 2 High School Parents, 2 Middle School Parents, 1 Community/Business representative, and 4 High School students.
- √ We are liaisons to the DSA community comprised of students, parents, teachers, staff, building principal and our local business community.
- √ In establishing relationships with the DSA community, we create and organize subcommittees to assist in our responsibilities outlined by the DPS District Policy, School Accountability Rating (SAR) as well as state and federal mandates, to provide guidance, evaluation and improvement for the School Improvement Plan (SIP) enhancing student achievement and school climate
- √ We make recommendations to changes in the school design which include counseling services, elective/special classes and extracurricular activities. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE DISTRICT MANDATED PROGRAMS OR SPECIAL EDUCATION.**
- √ We review, and when appropriate, approve discipline and safety procedures as well as the school calendar.
- √ We participate in the principal selection process and the principal's annual evaluation by giving input on the principal's involvement in and support of the collaborative committee process.

### What the CSC is Not

- The CSC does not participate in the day-to-day operations of the school.
- The CSC is not involved in issues relating to individuals/staff, students or parents within the school.
- The CSC is not involved with personnel issues.
- The CSC is not involved with fundraising for DSA

### **To DSA Community from the CSC:**

You will note that the scope of advising work for the CSC is tightly focused on school improvement, school climate and school design. Accordingly, the CSC does not participate in discussions of the day-to-day operations, personnel issues or fundraising. However, as your school representatives we are always interested in you input and feedback.

The work of the CSC often **compliments** the work of principal, staff, teachers, school departments and other parent organizations. For example, while we do not raise money for DSA, the CSC may be involved in identifying financial needs and priorities for school improvement. We may also be involved in providing advice to the principal about where new financial resources might be allocated. While the CSC is never involved in the day-to-day operations of the school, related issues that may impact student achievement and school climate might inform our school improvement planning.

The scope of work (What the CSC Is and Is Not) is intended to make clear the roles and responsibilities of the committee. Please feel encouraged to contact your CSC representatives with any questions or concerns related to ongoing improvement of our excellent school. We look forward to hearing from you.