

CSC Meeting – January 13, 2009

In attendance: Heidi Stone, Bruce Holland, Leane Poate, Pat Mauser, Mike Adamson, Kent Burger, Zack Bastoky, Heather Jackson, Lisa Freedberg and Stacey Shigaya.

Reports

Greening: New Trash cans have been ordered, one for the front and one for the back. Student council has cleaning crews in place. Mr. Burger did a walk through with someone from grounds/facilities. They discussed the drainage problem in the back which causes an icy area. They came up with a plan to dig up the concrete in that area and engineer a new drainage plan. This is the area from the gate to the curb by Peach Street. Work will begin soon. The Greening Committee met today. Their priority is to pull out the junipers in front. Mike Adamson will get with the district about how to proceed. His neighbor will design a landscaping plan for sod and xeriscape. Funding is the issue, will the district pay or will we use greening money? Greening committee is looking into possibly bringing brick sales back. Discussion then ensued regarding this being the 10 year anniversary of the reopening of the school. Perhaps we should have a celebration as a joint effort of PTA, CSC, SPiE, etc.

PTA: Kindergarten/ECE Roundup is Thursday, January 15th from 7:30 – 10:30am. Several board positions will be open next year: VP fundraising, treasurer, secretary, president elect.

SPiE: Meeting next week.

SAFETY: Peach street was icy yesterday. Is there a way prevent that next time? We now have a tractor. Robert was doing his best to keep up with the falling snow. Perhaps we can get salt over there for the afternoon? Pat Mauser asked about plowing the back. We can't use the playground unless it is plowed. Mr. Burger indicated that the district must do this on a rotating basis.

School Wide Discipline Plan: Mr. Burger displayed and handed out the district policies which are in alignment with CDE and NCLB. He displayed the pyramid which coincides with RTI (Response to Intervention). Please refer to the handouts for specific information. Mr. Burger also handed out the "accountability slips" which are now being used. In school suspension will be instituted. There should be 1

or 2 in ISS at a time. If more, the stage will be used. ISS will occur on Mondays and Fridays when needed. This is new and we realize it is not a perfect situation. Discussion ensued. How many accountability slips lead to in-school suspension? Perhaps a range for how many slips go toward ISS could be part of the guideline. Perhaps parents could be notified if a student has two slips. At this time, it is up to the individual teacher. How will parents be notified of this new plan? A letter will be sent home this week.

Preliminary Budget: Mr. Burger handed out a document of the process for teacher staffing. Please refer to the handout regarding timelines. Discussion ensued regarding the dates for the hiring window. A vote was taken. It was almost unanimously decided to go with a single hiring cycle which includes school house bidding and open market. Mr. Burger will call an emergency CSC meeting if needed for staffing issues.

Input

Community/Parent:

- Can CSC minutes be updated on website. Pat Mauser will post those ASAP.
- Please refer to Peggy Lehman's website for community information.
<http://www.denvergov.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict4>
- Leane Poate asked about Spring Conferences. Could these be mandatory, not optional? Unfortunately the district doesn't provide enough time for this, but Mr. Burger will bring this up with School Leadership Team.
- Leane Poate said that many families continue to be concerned with class size. Parents feel that it is just not okay. A survey of Kindergarten class size in neighboring schools was taken. Slavens has 26/27, Cory has 24/24, Asbury has 29/28, UPark has 25 full day with a few others who leave at lunch, Cherry Creek schools have 18/17, Samuels has 20-30, Englewood has 27, 18-22 seems to be the norm outside of Colorado. Parents see or experience these numbers and then opt out to private schools and we then are losing good families. Individual instruction is the big concern. With smaller class sizes, our children could be achieving more. Are there any tangible issues

in given classrooms? What does it take to change boundaries? Budget is what drives class size. Could we have a separate meeting to address this situation now?

- Leane Poate asked if we can view CSAP data for the traditional program and HGT program separated. How are school scores trending without HGT scores? Mr. Burger indicated that this data is not available separately.