

CSC Minutes – February 10, 2009

In attendance: Heidi Stone, Leane Poate, Pat Mauser, Anne O'Sullivan, Mike Adamson, Kristy Collins, Kent Burger, Zack Bastoky, Grace Hopley, Lisa Freedberg and Stacey Shigaya.

Reports

Greening: There is a liaison from UCD who is evaluating our campus. Kent Burger asked about entry arches that were in the original plans for the playpark as well as drainage tiles. Stacey Shigaya will check with Don Wright or Barb Whitehead regarding this.

PTA: Still in need of board officers: President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, VP Fundraising. PTA is working on a small fundraiser with reusable bags with the Southmoor Logo.

SPIE: Winter Market was successful with a profit of \$1500 for SPIE and a lot of positive feedback. Auction committee is looking for donations and sponsors.

Safety: Kent Burger is meeting with Mr. Rice from the City of Denver to discuss traffic concerns. Mike Adamson will join him for this meeting.

Strategic Staffing Plan 2009-2010

Kent Burger gave us a handout. SLT was given a blank template with three questions. See handout. Heidi Stone asked about how maintaining specials is a staffing challenge? Discussion ensued regarding how specials increase student performance and that teachers need their specials time for planning. Stacey Shigaya asked about the facilitator position. For the current school year, the district provided this position, therefore did not come out of our school budget. They provided a Humanities Facilitator. The Mill Levy gives us a 1.0 Arts position that we are required to match with a 1.0 arts position. Stacey Shigaya asked about technology. Kristy Collins said that the technology committee is meeting to come up with both long term and short term goals. We discussed professional development regarding RTI. Kent Burger indicated that more is needed. Kindergarten is projected at 50 TBK students and ECE will have a total of 36 students. We don't know HGT numbers yet. Kent Burger indicated that there has been a 2% cut in funding from state and federal sources.

Review Projected Budget

See Projected Enrollment handout and Budget handout. Between the Mill Levy and Title II funds, we are being given a .5 Facilitator position. We are also being given a Native Language tutor because we have 10-12 students who speak a common language other than Spanish. In our case, it is Arabic. Leane Poate asked about the role of Facilitator vs. Interventionist. There seems to be confusion around the district regarding the definition of these positions. Discussion ensued and CSC thought SLT should define this position to best meet the needs of our school and let the district know that the lack of definition of this role is causing problems. If our school does without this position, someone from our staff will be required to attend facilitator meetings. Heidi Stone asked if the person in this position is responsible for bringing data back to the district. Kent Burger indicated that this is the case.

Align Projected Budget, Enrollment, Strategic Staffing Plan

Kent Burger will be discussing this with the staff at the staff meeting on February 11, 2009.

Input

Community: Visit Peggy Lehman's website.

<http://www.denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict4/PeggysPagesmonthlynewsletter/tabid/383139/Default.aspx>

Parent: Stacey Shigaya indicated that it was suggested that people elected to SLT and Personnel sub-committee members be here for 2 years before serving. Anne O'Sullivan indicated that this is contractually based. Stacey Shigaya asked about the Super Citizen Assembly. Kent Burger stated that it will be February 27th and we are calling it the Southmoor Citizen assembly with one boy and girl chosen from each class. We are not doing this in conjunction with the Optimist club. Stacey Shigaya stated that this year is in fact our 10 year anniversary. Lisa Freedberg will discuss this with PTA and hope that we can tie this into their "Disco Night". We discussed a Spring Community Forum. Stacey Shigaya will work with Kent to set a date for April. Leane Poate asked about Spring Conferences. Kent Burger indicated that these are to be ILP or parent request conferences due to time constraints.

Teacher: Student Council is making good money from the Valentine Grams. The Student Council stuffed animal drive went well and they are working hard. Where the money will go is still to be determined. Pat Mauser asked if we can rethink the "inside day" plan for 4th and 5th graders. They currently watch a video or read quietly. We will look into a game drive so that they can have options and see how it goes.

Meeting adjourned around 8:00pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 6:15pm.