

CSC Minutes – November 11, 2008

In attendance: Kent Burger, Grace Hopley, Heather Jackson, Anne O’Sullivan, Bruce Holland, Leane Poate, Lisa Freedberg, Mike Adamson, Pat Mauser and Heidi Stone

Greening Committee: Mike Adamson suggested that the student council come up with a project to beautify the front of the school. Hopefully student council and greening committee will work together. Ideas include continuing the tradition of 5th graders planting a tree as part of continuation and participating in Mayor Hickenlooper’s One in a Million Tree program. Other topics discussed were a clean-up day getting students involved, removing the evergreens from the front of the building. Mr. Burger will work with DPS regarding the evergreens. A plan for what to do with the area would need to be in place before they are removed. Paperwork has been initiated for the trash cans that were discussed at the last meeting.

PTA: Sally Foster sales were down this year by about \$3000. PTA made about \$7500. Distribution will be on Tuesday, November 18th from 3:30-6 on the stage. PTA cookie exchange will be on the first Tuesday of December. Bruce Holland asked about PTA meeting time. Lisa Freedberg indicated that it will remain the same at this point and that they are close to getting a president elect.

SPiE: They have a meeting next week. The Auction is Friday April 3 at the Hyatt DTC. A chairperson is still needed.

Safety: Peach street is improving. Teachers have been diligent about monitoring the area and addressing issues as needed.

Discipline Committee Report: Mr. Burger provided a handout regarding the District guidelines. The discipline committee is looking at fine tuning the RRAP program we currently have vs. bringing in a new program, such as PBS (Positive Behavior Support). The staff seems to be more supportive of fine tuning what we currently have. Heidi Stone used PBS at the High School level and said that it is school culture program as well as a discipline. Discussion ensued. Leane Poate asked how PBS goes beyond what we currently have. It provides data through electronic record keeping which shows frequency of behaviors, location, time of day, week of month and month of year. Data can be used to make adjustments. Heidi’s school was able to use data gathered from PBS to implement a tardy policy which was successful. The district guidelines provide levels of intervention which correlates to the RTI program. Teachers seem unclear about what behaviors fall into what levels. Examples would be helpful. Students need consistency. Whatever program is used needs to be fine tuned and embraced with fidelity. Communication with staff, students and families needs to occur. Discipline committee will meet again Friday.

Late Start Schedule: Mr. Burger provided a handout regarding the schedule for the first late start of the year, December 12th. Teachers will be in professional Development meetings from 8-11, have their lunch from 11-12 and students will arrive at 12. Lunch will be served.

Community Input: Visit Peggy Lehman's website for information about our community – <http://www.denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict4/PeggysPagesmonthlynewsletter/tabid/383139/Default.aspx>. Heidi Stone also asked about Everyday Math. Do teachers send information home to parents about the program, what they are currently learning and what is next? Staff indicated that there are Home Link letters and student reference books that are shared with families. It varies from teacher to teacher how information is shared with parents. We also are set up for students to go to the Everyday Math website for math games. Pat will post a link on the Southmoor Website to the EM Games website.

Parent: Nothing at this time.

Teacher: Nothing at this time.

Principal: All his items have been discussed above.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held December 9th at 6:15pm.

Timekeeper: Leane Poate, Snacks: Lisa Freedberg, Drinks: Zach Bastoky