

CSC Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2017 4 p.m.

Present: Marisa Hudson-Arney (parent); Peggy Batchelor (parent); Jenny Reynolds (parent); Gail Axt (GT and librarian); Anne Sterrett (principal); Robyn Wille (community member); Vanessa Pierce (PTO Rep).

Discussion:

1. Website and Communication –

- a. Anne met with DPS marketing department today.
- b. February 17 photo shoot for new website photos that will be current.
- c. Update logo with kids involved – kids will submit their design and give to marketing department and they will create a logo.
- d. Total cost \$2500 including screen for expo, logo, and website help migrate content to new website.

2. Name: Polaris at Ebert Elementary– very confusing name of our school. Anne wants to change it.

- a. Polaris School for Highly Gifted is Anne’s idea.
- b. Gail says don’t put highly gifted on the name.
- c. Marisa suggests: use gifted and not highly gifted.
- d. **Polaris Elementary School. A 1-5 Magnet for Gifted Children as tag line.**
- e. Is there a neighborhood affinity for the name Ebert? Historical significance? Could be. We’ll see what the district says.
- f. Anne will submit the official application to the District to change the name.

3. Parent Night – Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented is the sponsor.

- a. March 16 – Dr. Blanche Kapushion - parenting the whole gifted child. 6:30-8 p.m. Professor teaching gifted education classes. Past president of Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented.

4. Budget Discussion

- a. Para discussion – how are the paras being used? How do the teachers want the paras to be used and scheduled?
 - i. Marisa suggested sending a survey out to the teachers to ask about para staffing and usage.
 - ii. Anne concerned that everyone will say they want more para time but we can’t provide that.
 - iii. No, the intent is just to see how teachers use paras, how teachers would like to use paras, and is there any improvements that could be made.
 - iv. Anne will send out a survey for teachers

- b. Psychologist
 - c. Nurse
 - d. Use of funds - Expand amount of arts offering; same for P.E.; Danny and Corilee; technology moving to a one-to-one in classrooms; pay Katie Ray
5. Peggy asked questions about curriculum especially math; allow more flexibility and increase targeted teaching. Discussion to be continued at next CSC meeting.