



PTO Meeting

Monday, November 1, 2021

6:00 pm

Zoom meeting

Agenda

1. Attendance

- a. Amy Odell, Principal
- b. Julie Johnston, Chair
- c. Julie Gladnick, Secretary
- d. Kelly Dulong, Communications Chair
- e. Jody Hyde, CSC President, Room Parent Lead
- f. Robyn Martin, Staff Appreciation Team
- g. Mary Parker, CSC President
- h. Kyle Rose, parent
- i. Jo Ann Chang, Treasurer
- j. Beth Flemming- parent
- k. Desi - Parent
- l. Michelle MacRone- Parent

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Principal's Report

- a. UIP- Unified Improvement Plan- introduced in CO in 2009- streamlined improvement planning process consistent across state
- b. Areas of focus- ensuring high expectations, highly rigorous grade-level tasks, making sure teachers are growing their toolkits of culturally linguistic and inclusive strategies\
- c. Equity, accelerating learning, and social and emotional health are the priorities as of 2021 across the district- our plan is aligned with these, as well.
- d. 3 major improvement strategies based on data we have and gaps we have identified:
 - Social/Emotional learning - goal aligns with equity and S/E priorities- intentional and consistent support
 - Daily and consistent morning meetings, whole child specialist (Ellen Malan- ongoing professional learning with paras)
 - Kelly Dulong (para) doing core instruction in each classroom via some Second Step curriculum and small groups
 - Math

- Aligns with DPS goals- continuation of work prior to COVID shut-down. Katie Allen had been leading some incredible work in March of 2020 and being re-integrated now
- Literacy
 - Aligns with DPS priorities of equity, accelerated learning and S/E mental health.
 - Polaris is an ELD (English Language Development school) for first time this year. Dedicated time each day where ELL students are receiving their required minutes. Additionally, WIN time has been implemented for all students based on what they may be individually needing (IE: math, literacy, social/emotional support, executive functioning, etc)
 - Revamping all things MTSS- multi-tiered systems of support. Accompanies processes by which students are identified in and when needing support and how.

e. Black Excellence plan- same three priorities (equity, accelerated learning, S/E mental health)- Implement problem solving protocols, implementing need based supports

f. Bell times: based on Healthy Start Times initiative to move all middle and high school students to eventually start 8:30 and later. Tier 1, 7:30/7:40, Tier 2 8:20/8:30, Tier 3 8:50/9:10. SLT polled Polaris community to either stay where we are or request a change. Survey results will go out to community after next SLT meeting.

g. Covid case reports have increased at school. No student-to-student transmission in school. Cases seem to be adult at home transmitting to or exposing student at home, however then our student needs to quarantine even without a positive bc of the direct exposure. So often the student has been home for a few days before they have been around others at school.

h. Priorities approved by district- we now have 13- the changes include that children of staff are prioritized, students who reside within an area with high concentration of students eligible for free and reduced lunch that are HGT eligible. Going into effect for 2021-2022 choice starting in January. HGT sites- Archuleta, Cory, Edison, Gust, Polaris and Teller.

i. Ellen Honig stepped up to Robin Green's spot in the district GT dept, but is now also leaving the district. Information to come on interview process as finalists have been selected.

4. CSC Report- Mary
 - a. UIP focus:

- Literacy, Math and Social/Emotional supports and WIN time (Kelly Dulong and Mr. Morgan)
 - b. Black Excellence- teaching and leadership at the school focusing on
 - c. Transportation working group still on hold per district, however group may reconvene to be prepared
- 5. Treasurer's Report- Joanne
 - a. Did well with annual fund this month. \$5587, fiscal YTD \$9,614
 - b. Projected to be at \$42k by end of Jan, goal is \$45. Assuming \$30k donations for CO Gives day
 - c. Edukit came in this month at \$1900
 - d. Gear is negative bc of inventory restock.
 - e. Expenses- waiting on Para reimbursement
 - f. Amy putting order in for social/emotional resources \$2k
 - g. Paid for 6 staff to go do Nat Gifted Conference next week.
 - h. Funditon- a possible fundraiser
- 6. New Business
 - a. CO Gives Day December 7th
 - Working with board and Robin to help highlight our paras (where most of our donations go to support) Julie J reached out to Kaimee for some sort of gear reward for donations.
 - Board will continue working on promoting, Amy will work on promoting staff and WIN programs
 - b. Staff Appreciation- Robin Martin
 - Stock the Lounge monthly events are going well, staff are enjoying the treats/snacks and feeling our support. Families are stepping up in a big way.
 - First staff meal (lunch) was last Friday 10/29, delivery from Chipotle. Next staff meal (breakfast) will be on Friday, November 19th.
 - The Thankful Baskets sign-up is going very well, we have almost all of the items requested and are excited to present staff with a basket of goodies heading into Thanksgiving break. We also have a couple volunteers to help build baskets on Thursday 11/18. Again, families have been very generous and we are thankful for their support!
 - Staff Spotlights are coming along and it seems that families are enjoying getting to know staff a bit better. Not all staff want to be featured so I will just feature those wanting to participate. The weekly Spotlight staff member is also celebrated within the building with our partnership with the social committee (PEP squad).

7. Meeting Adjourned 7:08 pm