

CSC Minutes Synopsis
September 4, 2014

In attendance (please check spellings): Attending: Bill Kohut, John Abbott, Laura Kirksey, Kendra Fleischman, Denise Chip Galaty, Deronn Turner, Kerri Saliman, John Delaney, Mandi Anne Berg, Lauren Fujiami, Eli Humphrey, Eileen Klawitti.

Mandi Anne Berg - Chair
Deronn Turner - co chair
Kendra Fleischman - Secretary

Mr. Kohut began with introductions and noting that the CSC procedures and bylaws are online. It was noted that the website will need to be up dated with the new members, chair, co-chair and secretary.

Mr. Kohut shared the Achievement Goals, Student Data and talked briefly about the new scheduling committee for this year with one of his main goals is to see if we can get a later start time for the high school without affecting after school sports.

Mr. Kohut shared the outline of his goals for the past five years

1. strengthen programs and become a high performing school
2. increase in AP, offerings and AP pass rate.
3. Design and implement a post-secondary readiness program
4. build a positive inclusive culture building staff moral.
5. Create new avenues for parent support along with expectations of parent conduct and behavior.
6. Strengthen the financial support for the school
7. Continue forming great relationships with art venues, businesses and professionals in the community.

He gave very good examples of how DSA has met each of these goals and exceeds many of them.

Mr. Kohut outlined his goals for the next 5 years

1. Maintain the high performing status
2. Increase collaboration between arts majors
3. Challenge the teachers to review their curriculum so that it aligns with the required skills needed as they enter their post secondary education.
4. Create a master plan for capital improvement.
5. Continue to support the DSA Friends Foundation in their efforts to raise funds
6. Continue to address the issues of diversity and access through our own DSA lead programs.
7. Expand the DSA facilities through inclusion on bond issues

Mr. Kohut shared the very positive data on Achievement, proficiency rates and status rates in math

The CSC then discussed such issues as how the new PARCC test will effect our scores. It was noted that it is expected that the scores will go down, and the district should be adjusting for this.

The CSC then addressed the issue of how DSA is not celebrated by the district. It was recommended that we invite Tom Boasberg to a CSC meeting or at the very least have him walk the school during a regular school day, so he see our school, our crowded situation, and can better understand the achievements we have here at DSA.

After a quick break, the CSC resumed with an update about the UIP

- Implementation of comprehensive post secondary plan to prepare students for post secondary education
- Implementation of 6-8 reading and writing plan
- Math goals will remain same

The committee then set the following goals for this year (please review the wording)

Goal #1 To address fitness, health, and wellness education for our school and community. Looking at ways to increase the physical activity of students especially middleschool during lunch. Organizing marijuana/drug awareness, social and emotional support with instruction, for parents, staff.

Goal #2 To set up an Academic Guest Professional program and communicate with the district and our community the academic achievements at DSA.

Goal #3 – Continue to investigate and identify the issues around diversity in our school population and continue to look into ways we can support the diversity in our school.

Our student members gave a report from the Student Council on the following;

- help students with audition process
- inter-major support with funding tickets for student to attend productions
- Making a card for Mr. Lubell
- Addressing school trash
- Having a DSA Homecoming
- Offering an early premiere of “Mocking Jay”

Student board of education notes

- This year they are going to focus on mental health. They will work closely with Mr. Weber to develop a project that will address the student mental health issues.

Our Next meeting will be on October 14th at 4:00 pm