

# Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jennifer Castillo, Raphae Posner, Chip Galaty, Deb Rosenbaum, Lara Kirksey, Megan Altekruise, Mandianne Berg, Deronn Turner, William Kohut, Brad Brockbank

## 1. Student Activities Report

Raphae Posner reported that the student council has initiated the process of nominations and voting on a mascot. Suggestion boxes were placed in classrooms and there was good participation in the nomination process. The options have been narrowed to four:

- White Siberian Tiger (current mascot);
- Killer Whale/Orca,
- Pegasus, and
- Pioneer.

Finalists will be announced and a vote conducted after the four-day break, Oct 12-14. An art contest has been proposed to create the image of the mascot selected.

Raphae also reported on plans for a dance and instrumental chamber concert to be held November 21 as a council fundraiser. The Council is also currently running a donation drive to provide items to victims of the recent Colorado flooding.

## 2. CSC Retreat Minutes

Sue Borgos submitted a 13 page draft. Jennifer is going to edit it into a shorter summary with bullet points, for CSC approval by e-mail.

## 3. Revised CSC Bylaws

Sue is still working on a formatted draft, which will be circulated for approval by e-mail, unless changes require further discussion at the CSC's November meeting.

## 4. Diversity Survey

Bill met with a representative of the DPS Administration, who requested additional information about who's going to assemble results, how results are going to be provided to community, and what are we going to do with the results.

Brad volunteered to assemble a summary of the process for the November 12 CSC meeting, including the following elements:

- Conversion of the survey instrument to a Survey Monkey survey online;
- Publicity to be coordinated by the Student Council (Raphae to draft a plan by the end of next week);
- Results to be assembled and analyzed by a CSC subcommittee and presented to the full CSC for discussion and approval for public release
- Use of findings: to help inform implementation of the Unified Improvement Plan, especially with regard to targeting efforts to support underperforming groups that may be affected by school climate issues. (Additional uses to be proposed by Deronn Turner).

Bill will meet with DPS and seek approval of the survey and strategy on Nov. 13.

### **5. Arts Endorsed Diploma**

Deb Rosenbaum shared a summary of discussions among the Arts teachers and the School Leadership Team about the pros and cons of the current Arts Endorsed Diploma program at DSA. After discussion, Megan Altekruze moved, and Jennifer Castillo seconded a proposal to eliminate the designation beginning with the Class of 2018. Except for one abstention (Chip Galaty), the motion carried unanimously.

### **6. UIP and SPF update**

Bill handed out district slides on the SPF and reported on DSA's status. DSA once again earned Green status, missing Blue (highest) status this year by 0.2 percentage points. Although great progress has been made by DSA on the SPF over the last two years, the group shared Bill's disappointment and frustration over so nearly missing the higher designation, which would have earned the school a significant increase in funding from the district.

DSA's growth score, in middle school especially, is the biggest area of underperformance, but improving scores on other measures might make the difference and put us into Blue designation more easily, especially in light of changes in scoring that raise the bar for demonstrating growth next year

Jennifer distributed an electronic version of the UIP for the group to review before the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.