

CSC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 14, 2015

TIME: 4:00PM to 5:05PM

LOCATION: TJ - Room 111

ATTENDEES:

Name	Attended	Name	Attended
Eileen Adair, CCT Staff	Yes	Terri Allsup, parent	Yes
Monique Alexander, Treasurer	Yes	Nancy Brandon, parent	Yes
Samanda Davis, Social Worker	Yes	Sylvie Fambrini, parent	Yes
Rebecca Hopeck SPED staff	Yes	Tracey MacDonald, parent	Yes
Suzanne Morris-Sherer, Principal	Yes	BJ McDuffie Wilson, parent	Yes
Danny Showers, DECA	Yes		

ACTION ITEMS:

- Be prepared to discuss what to fund with enrollment money

DISCUSSION:

Celebrations:

- TJ ACT scores were strong (19). Almost all Metro Districts went down while TJ's scores continue to go up.
- Graduation will be held at Auraria campus this year. It's a ticketed event and each student will receive 10 tickets. Held on Wednesday, May 25 at 5:00 pm.

Public Input (5 min):

- Question about the policy on eating in school between classes, especially athletes. The school policy is no eating food in the halls between classes. However, there is an exception. Students are allowed to eat DECA purchased items between classes during periods 1-3 only. DECA currently sells cookies and it was requested that some healthier options such as protein and/or granola bars be added. Mr. Showers will look into adding other food items for sale.
- Concern was raised about the combining of Spanish levels into one class: with the elimination of a program a Spanish teacher was lost. Based on a study of best practices, it was decided to combine language levels into one class. This has been very successful in other schools. Students are given work at their level.

Principal's Report:

- Sept. 24th will be a mock ACT test for juniors only. No school for all other students.
- Student counts for the district were taken on Sept. 10th. This count is used for the fall budget adjustment for TJ. The state count is held the day before and after Oct. 1. This allocates funds to the district and not TJ.

Discussion Items:

- Elections were held for Committee positions:
 - Samantha Davis was elected as Chair
 - Tracey MacDonald was elected as Secretary
 - Terri Allsup was elected as Timekeeper
- Enrollment for the school year is over what was projected by approximately 23 students. This means more money to the school; however, not enough to hire a new teacher. Need to decide how these funds should be spent.
 - This past year, the filling of a position required the use of funds from the overall budget resulting in a cut to all department budgets.
 - Principal Morris-Sherer would like to make up for the funding cuts and keep some as part of a rainy day fund. She is looking for input on what to fund.
 - Some options presented are: funding more days for school psychologist; subsidizing transit passes for students, in particular special ed students; increase budget for specials.
 - The discussion will be continued at the Oct. meeting.
- Given the tight budget, the question of whether TJ could implement/increase registration fees was posed. Almost all elementary and middle schools have registration fees. Concerns were raised on the impact to free and reduced lunch families. This topic will be further discussed at the Oct. meeting.

Next Meeting:

- October 5, 2015 at 4:00PM in Room 111
- Agenda items:
 - Options for spending of enrollment funds
 - Registration fees