



Collaborative School Committee October 6, 2016

McKinley-Thatcher Elementary School
1230 S. Grant Street
Denver, CO 80210

Meeting Agenda:

- 5:00 – 5:05 Call to order, Review meeting agenda, Sign-in
- 5:05 - 5:10 Review membership and officer requirements; confirm officers and composition of McKinley-Thatcher's CSC.
- 5:10 – 5:20 Updates / Response to CSC Requests:
Family Math Games Night – Scheduled for Wednesday 3/22 - 5:30 pm
Family Science Night – Scheduled for Thursday 1/12 – 5:30 pm
Family Literacy Night – Scheduled for Tuesday 11/15
+ Announcement from DPS about expansion
+ School Performance Framework (SPF) results
- 5:20 – 6:00 Expansion Plans and Increasing Student Enrollment
1. How do we increase enrollment by 100 students?
 2. What do we most value?
Brainstorm priorities and needs
 3. Should we adopt a successful 'model' to attract families?
Expeditionary Learning
Dual Language/Immersion
Others?

1. Attendees

Sonia Geerdes, Martha Biery, Jason Kopecky, Becca Davidson, Kim Hollingsworth, Matt Riley, Alise Lawrence

Known absentees

Ingrid Hoff, Linda Monroe

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

2. CSC Composition, membership, and officers

Consensus agreement that we have a good balance for the CSC composition. 4 staff and 5 parents. Martha as chair. Kim as alternate chair. Alise as secretary. Action Item to ask Linda if she wants to be alternate secretary like last year.

3. Updates / Responses to CSC Requests

Family nights:

- Family Literacy Night – Tuesday, November 15 at 5:30pm
- Family Science Night – Thursday, January 12 at 5:30pm (Science Fair Day)
- Family Math Night – Wednesday, March 22 at 5:30pm

CSC supports announcement from DPS about expansion and sharing School Performance Framework (SPF) results at the beginning of Family Literacy Night because we anticipate having lots of families here. That night's schedule TBD. To ask the YMCA to help for an extra half hour of watching kids during the powers that be presenting where we are with expansion plans.

Monthly activity on the calendar:

- October – dance
 - November – parent/teacher conferences, Turkey Trot, Literacy Night
 - December – music and art showcase for the younger students
 - January – science night
 - February – Chili Cook Off
 - March – Math night
 - April – auction
 - May – music and art showcase for older grades, field day, continuation
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4. Expansion Plans and Increasing Student Enrollment

- Picking a focus for why people would choose McT. What would attract the masses? McT from the outside seems generic. Want to have a unique offering here.
 - Staff buy in has to happen
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- Current family buy in has to happen
- Discussion has occurred about possible boundary changes, but none are currently proposed or supported by DPS
- We value active kids (PE and outdoorsy) and rich experiences (field trips)
- Our school is similar to Valdez in DPS and they recently became a dual language school and they're doing really well
- Expeditionary Learning can be more fluid, natural, and integrated

A goal to keep in mind is a way to keep the diversity the school currently has. This is one important draw to McT.

"Innovation Status" has high levels of support and requests from lots of people. Next steps include determining what it takes to request innovation status.

We want to increase excellence and draw more families.

We need 300-325 or more students to financially sustain.

Action Items:

Item	Owner	Needed By
1. Ask Linda if she wants to be alternate secretary	All	November meeting
2. Work with staff to sign up for after-hours events	Sonia	November meeting
3. Research next steps for innovation status	Sonia	November meeting
4. Schedule a day of checking out bi-lingual and expeditionary school	Sonia	November meeting
5. Reach out to staff and parents and the community, our constituents, for input on how to differentiate our school	Everyone	November meeting
6. Determine Family Literacy Night schedule. This includes asking the YMCA to provide childcare during the expansion and SPF portion of the evening.	Sonia	November meeting (or earlier)