

Edison Elementary
CSC Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2011

Welcome and sign-in

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Update on enrollment and how it could impact budget and staffing

In January of 2011 student projections for the 2011-12 school year determined the budget that was approved by the CSC in March of 2011. As of today, we are 30 students less in enrollment than the projections as of last year. **The CSC and School Leadership Team (SLT) discussed the WORST CASE SCENARIO. Final fall adjustment will be determined on September 9 by DPS.**

The School Leadership Team discussed multiple options and made the following recommendations: Use all carry forward money (about \$10,000), cut GT conferences, PD subs, supplies (about \$7000), Use the PTA grant that has carried forward in our budget from last year, cut extra paraprofessional time that was added in May 2011 (\$37,000), cut one 4th or 5th grade teacher and make one 4/5 split (with 28 students per class).

David Pines shared that based on his career goals, he volunteered to be RIB'ed if this happens, he will then be guaranteed a job within DPS and feels like this would be good for him.

Other options discussed: cut facilitator into ½ time and have AP be half-time and do UCD coordinator, cut Kindergarten teacher, cut 1st grade teacher, cut AP, cut intervention teacher. Principal stated that she believes that cutting the facilitator to .5 and adding UCD coordinator to AP's roles would not be an option that she would support and be good for the school.

Discussion was held about how we would support students in this change, how we would communicate to parents in a transparent/honest manner, how we would challenge all students and teach the standards. If this occurs, teachers/administration will create a transparent/fair process for moving students.

CSC voted on approval of recommendation suggested by SLT (see above). CSC unanimously voted for the SLT's recommendation.

Review of 2010-11 UIP and sharing from SLT members regarding suggested ideas for this year

Because of the late hour, we had a quick summary of the issues with this agenda item and we will revisit this at our October meeting. The UIP is posted on the website. It is a two year plan. The entire teaching and para staff met to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. They also examined demographics, and academic content areas and identified "observations" and "questions." They also identified most important areas for improvement and possible root causes (that are things the staff can have an impact on). Next, they examined the goals from last year's UIP, identified major improvement strategies and action steps to take. Sally distributed a document that summarizes the result of this process.

CSC will review this document and revisit the UIP. We will communicate about this via email between now and our next meeting.

We discussed the desire to see more aggregate data on student progress. We don't necessarily need to see that for this current task, but we would like to see this incorporated as part of CSC meetings in the future.

Sharing of next steps for Community Forums

Visioning forum September 24: would be helpful if CSC folks could be there.

PTA meeting next Thursday: one agenda item is discussion of the communication plan.

Approval of CSC minutes

Next meeting date: October 6, 2011 at 4:30 in the school library