

Edison Elementary
CSC Meeting Agenda & Minutes
November 5, 2020

Vision:

Edison Elementary is committed to being a collaborative community where rigorous academics and character education ensure the development of the whole child. We design learning experiences to meet the unique learning needs of each student so that all of our children develop 21st Century skills: critical thinking and reasoning, information literacy, self-direction, collaboration and invention/innovation. We celebrate curiosity and creativity in the development of life-long learners.

Values:

Students First, Community, Fun, Respect, Integrity, Collaboration, Equity, and Accountability

Meeting Norms:

Aim for consensus
Members will share ideas openly, but try to stay on topic
Everyone puts ideas on the table
Respect other perspectives
Listen with respect
Focus on needs of the school and community, respect confidentiality

Assume positive intentions
Time keeper, try to keep to one hour
We work to represent our stakeholders
Ask clarifying questions
Commit to our values

Attendance: CSC members: Sally Whitelock, Benita Cervantes, Jane Reimer, Andrew Crossley, Catherine Salguero, Hannah Koski, Kathy Senft, Julie Puglisi, Krysten Kamps, Lisa Meeks

Not in attendance:

Non-CSC member: Anne Spires-Delong

Call to order by CSC Chairperson

- Meeting procedure-Work session will follow the agenda. Floor will open up at end of meeting for other issues/discussions if necessary.

Update on return to in-person learning

- DPS and Edison updates:
 - It was expressed that it is hard to represent other parents right now due to circumstances
- What is going well?
 - There appears to be a view that Edison is handling the situation well.
 - 2nd grader is enjoying being back in person
 - People feel a bit disappointed about 3-5 going back remote
 - Communication is good with parents. It feels like people are getting questions answered.
 - Teachers have done a good job going back and forth between home and school
 - Reports from 3rd graders on quarantine during Halloween expressed it was great virtually.
 - There is a lot of consistency within grade levels regarding content and curriculum
 - Remote learning is much more streamlined then in spring
- What needs to be changed?
 - Reinforcement in safety outside of the school community. -- From Edison leadership.
 - Encouragement for teachers to continue to communicate expectations and flexibility with student needs and issues.
 - Can students in other classes interact - even virtually.

- Example - 4th grade as a whole grade did poetry celebrations and all students watched each other.
- Maybe 'Fun Fridays' with other classes as an incentive

Parent Engagement Discussion

- Given COVID situation - it is more difficult to engage parents and for parents to connect with each other
- Suggestions
 - Class parents planning virtual get togethers on line
 - Social class parties for kids
 - Virtual movie night - PTA?? even sell little movie night packages - candy, popcorn, movie ticket
 - When COVID cases decrease - plan socially distanced/masks - in a park, outside
 - Virtual Books and Bagels - virtual by grade level
 - Specials teachers lead one whole group activity per grade level each week.
 - Parent join for a read aloud or a morning meeting or science activity virtually.
- How are families that might struggle financially or otherwise doing?
 - We are monitoring attendance daily. Calling home if kids are missing - to offer support, communicate expectations.
 - We will continue to watch for families that may need support and get resources to them when we can.

Equity Discussion

- Andrew (and Matt Carter) volunteered to write a Donors Choose to get more culturally inclusive books. Sally will email this information out to the community when it is ready to go.
- Hannah signed us up for PJ library.
- Mr. Carter and Mrs. Dougherty are working a mini library to be place on Edison grounds.

Next meeting date:

January 7 at 4:30 - Agenda: Pre-budget planning and prioritization protocol