

## CSC meeting 10.11.16

Present: Christian Sawyer, Tami Patzer, Nancy Nyhus, Carolyn Leahy, Gwen Victor (guest), Whitney Bradley (guest), Brian Shepherd

Missing: Leslie Meyer, Dave Peck, Maria Montoya, Michael McKee

Data dive with school scores:

Taking a look at scores from last 3 years.

- As test has moved from TCAP to PARCC, scores have generally been lower.
- Last year was a baseline year; first year of new test.

Brainstorming what we notice about newly released test scores

- Hamilton is not where it needs to be – not meeting state averages.
- Scores are significantly different than they were with TCAP

Brainstorming why we see what we see in the test scores

- New test requires more high-level thinking – tests different skills, not just knowledge
- Different Testing Schedule
- New Curriculum

Things we are doing to improve:

Teacher leaders provide support and coaching, MYP offers critical thinking skills

Systems in place for students to be more organized (AVID binder, planner)

School culture – more supports, 4x4 teams, morning meetings

- Concern expressed by parent in response to a slide about how scores are being addressed. One section of the slide was about school culture with a bullet point on discipline, parent concerned that without effective discipline the learning environment is not supported.
- Discussion about PBIS and is it working as expected? Teacher comment that administration of PBIS is time consuming (tracking).
- Ms. Victor shared that PBIS is based on the DPS discipline policy and was created in part to give teachers a clear system and steps for discipline.

Discussion of some hurdles we are working on to create a strong learning atmosphere in the building.

- Increased wandering in halls, level of respect for self/others/adults is poor among many students. There is a feeling that this has moved beyond the usual adolescent push for independence.
- Communication – how can we reach more families in an effective and timely way? RSS feeds for email? Texting system? Future additional staff hours dedicated to communication?

Next meeting will be moved to November 15 and paired with MYP community meeting. This will meet our CSC requirements to have an open forum for the community while not adding another meeting night to the calendar. This also avoids election night conflict (Nov 8).