

CSC Meeting Notes

Hamilton Middle School

Date: December 11, 2018

Time: 5-5:45 (This session will be short due to the Winter Recital)

Location: Hamilton Conference Room

Present: Dr. Christian Sawyer, Candace Lewis, Trista Fussner, Carolyn Leahy, Robyn DiFalco, Martha Gomez, Natasha Forrest (late), Heather Wilson (late),

Absent: Shelley Stancer

Call to order at 5:06 am

1. Welcome and Gratitude Cards / Celebrations
2. Roles and Grounding ourselves in our norms
 - a. Roles:
 - i. Facilitator - Candace
 - ii. Secretary - Robyn
 - iii. Time-Keeper - Trista
 - iv. Norms-checker and observer - Candace

1. Norms Review & Mission Statement

Scholars are our compass

Share the air

Presume positive intent

24-hour rule

Begin and end on time

No monopoly of expertise

When we get stuck, the team needs to be free to "put a pin in it" and move on

Focus on solutions

3. Principal's Report

- a. Lesley Meyer - received national history day teacher of the year award.
- b. **Start time** - Next week we'll receive official info from the district about transportation and then from there we can call a community meeting in January. We are likely to have a decision before Feb 15 (when School Choice ends)
- c. **African American Taskforce on Equity** - inaugural meeting will be Thurs, Dec 13, serving pizza dinner at 5:30, 6:00 meeting. Super Citizen happening that night too.
- d. **Culturally Responsive Education (CRE)** -- an entire cohort of teachers is enrolled in a year-long institute (6 from Hamilton). They become leaders over the coming years at our school. Lesley Meyer is one of them. They're coming back with positive connections to share. Dr Sawyer has also enrolled in the leadership cohort.
- e. **A serious incident** happened last week where students turned jump ropes into nooses at recess on the playground. Dr Sawyer relayed the various steps taken by the school to address this, reported to DPD, interviewed students and families immediately. Learning opportunity to understand the impacts of our actions. Brought in the district Restorative Practice coordinators to work with our Restorative Justice staff to work on how we can address this campus wide. Working to develop curriculum around tolerance, racism, symbols of hatred, civil rights connections. Did suicide reviews and risk assessments because the symbols were connected to history. Discussion and input from CSC members

about how to proceed. Teacher training for how to address this, it's key for all adults to check their own bias in these discussions.

- f. **Budget** -- Dr Sawyer will get briefing on Friday so will share with us soon after. Proposed that we potentially hold 2 CSC meetings in January to review budget; second meeting could be cancelled if not needed but good to hold on the calendar in case we need it.

4. MYP Coordinator informational update -- Dr Sawyer will send it electronically since we are limited on time tonight.

5. Input from CSC: "Glows & Grows" -- Didn't have time for this

1. What's going well:
2. What needs to improve:

6. Setting of agenda for next meeting

7. Date for next meeting -- Tues, January 8, 2019 is the 2nd Tuesday &
Tues, January 22 is the 4th Tuesday (for tentative 2nd meeting)

8. Observer's Comments

Reviewed and Approved by all members 1/15/19.