

Present: Dr. Christian Sawyer, Candace Lewis, Robyn DiFalco, Martha Gomez, Natasha Forrest, Heather Wilson, Carolyn Leahy (calling in remotely from GWHS)

Absent: Trista Fussner

1. **Welcome and Gratitude Cards / Celebrations**
2. **Grounding our work in our norms** -- reviewed list; discussed in pairs for a minute of reflection
3. **Mission Statement** -- review & reflect: a comment was shared about short-term vs long-term impact of budget decisions; a comment was shared about how budget cuts affect ALL students; a comment about focusing on solutions when considering budget decisions.
4. **Review of timeline for budget development process**
 - 1/15/19: Collaboration with CSC on UIP and budget priorities (Unified Improvement Plan)
 - 1/17/19: Dr Sawyer gets budget spreadsheet from DPS
 - Analyzes requirements, funding, staffing, and enrollment for next year
 - Works with ELD partner (Eng Lang Development), HR partner, SLT (School Leadership Team, elected members from faculty), ILT (Instructional Leadership Team), OS (Operational Superintendent) and budget partner to build scenarios for consideration by CSC.
 - 1/29/19: Dr Sawyer and CSC collaborate on scenarios for next year and Dr Sawyer applies for budget assistance
5. **DPS Budget Training** -- Robyn & Carolyn were asked to share what they learned at the DPS budget training last wk.
 - We were supposed to get a copy of the powerpoint slides -- Carolyn will share with Robyn who will share with CSC
 - CSC serves in an advisory capacity; Principle has control over majority of the budget but some funds are earmarked for library, art, etc. because it came from Mill Levy funding. Will be helpful to review that.
 - We'll lose some funds now that we're not an "orange" tier school but we'll get other funds for growth as we move to Yellow, etc.
 - Noted that it was helpful to review various funding sources at state and level
6. **Budget Briefing**
 - 6th grade projections are up, but 7th & 8th grade is projected to be down next year. Demographically, maybe this is a birth bulge for incoming 6th graders.
 - Intense tiered supports stair-steps down by \$100K decrease
 - Decrease in budget assistance by \$40,000
 - Move from Orange to Yellow on SPF (School Performance Framework) gives us \$80K as a reward
 - TLC funding decrease (Teacher Leadership & Collaboration) -- DPS provides a stipend to teachers who serve in formal teacher leadership roles, such as Senior Team Lead, New Teacher Ambassador, etc.

- Bottom line: we anticipate needing to solve for \$370K
- 7. Collaborative Dialog about budget priorities with CSC, going into design process**
- Review the UIP overview again (Unified Improvement Plan)
 - Question: does it feel like we've made progress on these strategies in the UIP?
Response: It's always a work in progress, and the UIP is consistently being updated, we set SMART goals with DPS leadership, it's all outlined in the CIP (Continuous Improvement Progress), [Gomez had a copy that Dr Sawyer displayed to illustrate how UIP actions get regularly reviewed & assessed]. Restorative Justice is new, shifting away from suspensions, MTSS interventions are another example.
 - Dot voting analysis by CSC members -- a prioritization exercise, first big picture, then narrowed focus.
 - Big picture: the group's overall votes reflected a priority to protect the "Whole Child Team"
 - Next level: [notetaker didn't get down the results; Dr Sawyer took a photo of PostIts on the board for later reference]
- 8. Start & End Time update** -- Very brief update by Dr Sawyer: pending any additional feedback from Transportation and the District, it is looking like we will have a couple options, but nothing available in the 8:00 hour for a start time. We'll have a few weeks for a study process which involves communicating with staff, then communicate with our school-wide community, announce a public forum in February, solicit online input, and hold votes among various key stakeholder groups of our community.
- 9. Next Steps** -- how to invite the public to join future CSC meetings
- 10. Next CSC Meeting: Tuesday, January 29** from 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Reviewed & Approved by all members 1/29/19