

Barnum Elementary CSC Minutes
September 29, 2021

Present: Gelmarie Ortiz-Nieves, Diana Salinas, Laura Rodriguez, Ted Wiatr
Absent: Daniel Perez, Mario Galvan

- 1) Warm Welcome
- 2) CSC Roles
 - a) Secretary/Secretario - take minutes - Mr. Wiatr
 - b) Timekeeper/Cronometrador - ensure all voices are heard - Ms. Salinas
 - c) Agenda Creator - meet with principal before meeting - Mr. Galvan
- 3) CSC Responsibilities
 - a) Collaborate to make decisions by consensus that everyone can support
 - b) Accountability for school leaders
 - c) Recommendations for spending money and Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)
 - d) Meetings every month except Dec & Feb
- 4) Budget & Personnel Update - Fall Adjustments
 - a) Enrollment - projected at 282, district shows 276 as of a couple weeks ago, but now is 284, so no reductions are required
 - b) Class Size Relief - request was denied
 - c) MLL (Multi-Language Learner) support - request was approved - can hire one more para - will allow more support for the 5 classes with > 25 students
 - d) Administration - retired principal comes 3 days a week to support Ms. Ortiz
 - e) Behavioral Support
 - i) Hired someone for new Restorative Justice Coordinator position, but they backed out, and other interviewees did not work out either.
 - ii) Could use money in another way, will talk with School Leadership Team (SLT) and come back to CSC
 - f) Staffing has been difficult because several people have needed FMLA, DPS is low on substitute teachers, and have to keep 2 adults in ECE classrooms
- 5) Small Schools Resolution
 - a) Ms. Ortiz will communicate everything she can
 - i) Expecting more information tomorrow, but may have to wait before sharing it
 - ii) May affect 10 schools in SW region, waiting for each school leader to share information with their community, then the district leadership will share more widely
 - iii) No decisions being made now, district leadership is collecting input until spring, then will try to make the best decision for our communities
 - b) We want the new superintendent to be active & engaged, visiting schools
 - i) Survey just went out to all DPS families - can give feedback there
 - c) Based on enrollment trends from spring 2016 to spring 2020, projected to 2025
 - i) Spring 2020 numbers were not yet affected by the COVID pandemic

- ii) Factors include low birth rates, high prices for housing, families moving out of Denver, kids going to charter schools
- d) Charter schools send lots of mail and phone calls to parents
 - i) DPS does not voluntarily share contact information with them, but State of Colorado requires it
 - ii) Would be helpful to see how much their enrollment has gone up
- 6) Optimistic Closure - Best things about CSC
 - a) Being a voice for all parents, representing our community, teachers and parents hearing from each other, and making the best decisions for our children

Next Meeting: October 27, 2021 at 3:45pm