

## CSC Meeting Minutes November 16, 2016

**Members Present:** Principal Kimberly, AP Zed, President Katherine M., Secretary Beth B., Kathy, Desiree, Virginia, Cheryl, Tanya, Noor, Rocio, Absent – Paul, Additional Community members –Cassi Clark

Meeting began at 4:36 pm

1. Celebration – SQR Parent Forum was well-attended and much positive feedback was given about Gilpin by the 20 parents present.
2. Introductions and discussion of Board Member roles
3. School Performance Compact (SPC) Conversation – (Discuss recent School Quality Review, and plan moving forward for Board review and decision of whether to keep Gilpin open next year.) SQR claims have not yet been received, but were to have been presented Monday/Tuesday of this week.

Dec. 8 Meeting scheduled to share SQR results with general school population.

Dec. 15 School Board meeting with parent comment and Public Vote. Anyone may sign-up to address board. Sign-up by calling Board prior to the meeting. Board will vote this night on the future of Gilpin.

Rochelle, District Board Member and Jamie, Instructional Superintendent came to tour Gilpin this week.

26 Denver schools were scheduled for an SQR.

Cheryl suggested parents write to the board members to share their stories.

CSC discussed possible future for Gilpin and AP Zed told us that it has been suggested that a new track for traditional students be developed for future school years to ensure Gilpin's success.

Board members and parents can write a letter to the Board to support the school, and let them know if Montessori is important to you and your child's education.

4. ANET Data for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders – Principal Kimberly shared a handout with scores for Math & Literacy in our school. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades have closed the gap & on track with where they should be academically. Tanya pointed out this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year scholars have taken the test. School uses the information to look at places to work with students at their grade level. 30 scholars out-performed the national average and were recognized with an award at an assembly last week.
5. Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) discussion led by AP Zed. Areas for Improvement/ that have improved since last year: Overall, boys underperforming on tests and girls are performing higher. Attendance is up significantly compared to last year- 37 scholars absent on average each month, this year only 7 on average. Major improvement strategies discussed, and things that may be hindering performance after reflecting on data. We also discussed CSC's role in helping to develop the UIP, as it is one of the major charges for the board, and how we can support the staff and administration with this.
6. Town Hall Meeting discussion. We voted to change the Town Hall Meeting for the school community from Dec. 14 to Dec. 20, as the board will have voted on Gilpin's future at this time, and we can help to field questions regarding this decision. We voted to have a Potluck-style meeting, where families can sign-up to bring a dish to share. Gilpin will provide drinks and

tableware. We discussed having an opportunity for parents to submit questions before the meeting to be addressed at the Town Hall. Questions can be submitted between Dec. 2-14, by parents, for comment at the meeting. The agenda for the Town Hall will be: Potluck meal & conversation 3:30-4, Welcome and Celebrations, Introduce CSC Members, Comments from community addressed, Closing.

Representatives from Family and Community Engagement (FACE), Instructional Superintendent Jamie, and School Board will be invited to attend.

**Upcoming Events: Dec 8 SQR Results Presentation, Dec. 15 School Board Meeting with parent input & public vote on Gilpin's future, Dec. 20 Town Hall Constituency Meeting/Potluck**

**Next CSC meeting: Wednesday, January 18**