

Jan 8, 2024 | 📅 23-24 CSC Jan Meeting

Attendees: ADAM SMITH Andrea Renteria Ann Stiles Athena Alva Bechler, Eileen ELSA D'ANGELO
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Robert F. Rosenthal

Attached files: 📄 Notes - 23-24 CSC Nov Meeting 📄 Notes - 23-24 CSC Oct Meeting
📄 Notes - 23-24 CSC 1st Meeting

Notes

Ice Breaker - Good things

Focus for meeting - Budget

- Ms. Renteria pushed back on projections for next year
- 📄 24-25 Projections and Budget
- Current actuals are 346 and they projected us at 315 for 24/25 school year. We pushed back to say we think we will have 341. This is based on each grade and looking at our actual number and our expectations for next year.
- We also were contacted by the ECE department. Due to our numbers, they suggest that we should move from 5 ECE classrooms to 4 ECE classrooms. We currently have 80 seats for ECE and we are filling about 60. They don't want to take away the students that we have, but they think we could remove a classroom. We have traditional classrooms at 13, 14, and 15 and they could each house 20 students.
- This would impact our goals from the last meeting to convert one of our ECE traditional classrooms into a Montessori classroom to improve our "triangle structure" for Montessori.
- We would love to keep the teachers and the amount of classrooms we have, so recruitment is really important and we really want to fill as many of those seats as we can.
- January 26th - budget meeting
 - Getting - a minimum 60,000 with the increase of at least the 8 students.
 - When we ask for money now and we ask for increased projections, then it impacts the other pools of money that we are receiving, which is the motivation to push back on projections now instead of student count day in October.
 - Currently at 346 K-5
- These changes do not affect our goals of expanding lower Montessori, but they do affect our primary Montessorir vision of having 3 primary Montessori classrooms next year.

Recruitment

- 1st round of school choice is this week.
- Discussing postcards
 - Last year's (that wasn't sent out):
https://www.canva.com/design/DAFWv_FVZEE/vHaNNu9oBJV5mbc_B0Nfdg/view?utm_content=DAFWv_FVZEE&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink#2
 - Serving ECE-6th grade
 - Full-day ECE 3 & Full-day ECE 4
 - Neighborhood public school
 - Traditional & Montessori tracks
 - Instruction in native language for Spanish speakers
 - Parent Teacher Leadership Team

- Community garden & orchard
 - High teacher retention
 - Free after school care
 - Growing & diverse student body
 - Supportive community
- Developing a postcard to hand out and mail out.
- Brainstorming other ways to recruit
 - Open house / student tours
 - Having ECE and K teachers call prospective parents (need to write a script)
 - Make a video that can be emailed
 - Creating yard signs (too expensive) to put around the neighborhood
 - Recruiting at day care centers
 - Nearby Montessori daycares/early learning centers:
 - Montessori: Family Star: 2246 Federal Boulevard and 2940 Curtis Street
 - We have a contact at the Curtis St. location already
 - Montessori: Bright Horizons: 999 18th Street North Terrace- Suite 350 and 1050 17th St. Suite 201-B
 - Montessori: Mile High Early Learning: 2851 Tremont Street
 - Other nearby places where tiny humans are looked after:
 - Hope Center: 3400 Elizabeth St.
 - Clayton Early Learning: 3801 MLK Jr. Blvd
 - Margery Reed Mayo Day Nursery: 1128 28th Street
 - Step by Step Learning Center: 2401 W 44th Ave
 - Early Excellence Pre School Program: 3580 Franklin St
- In need of 3 paras - K, 3rd, and 1 on 1 para for MIA room

Action items

Next meeting will be February 5th - in person - longer meeting 4 - 6 to discuss the budget. Dinner will be provided.