

## **CSC Minutes**

April 21, 2016

5:30 – 6:30

Florida Pitt Waller Community Room

**Meeting Type:** Scheduled

**Attendees:** Charles Babb (Principal), Kayla Grayson-Yizar (Assistant Principal), LaTanya Burnett (President), Mary Krsnak (Teacher), Brian Weaver (Teacher), Lois McDonald (Staff), Ronette Hackett (Parent), Daniel Martinez (Parent), Lonnie R.H. Shinault (Parent)

**Review of Minutes:** Minutes were approved.

**School Update:** (Mr. Babb)

**UIP:** The Unified Improvement Plan is still open to revision and will be finalized by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Scott will be questioning staff on their knowledge of the plan.

**CDE Diagnostic Review:** There will be a meeting to discuss the upcoming review on Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and staff is welcome to attend. The review should take place in early May and they will be looking for systems in place.

**Volunteer Week Celebration:** The celebration took place on April 15, 2016 and two volunteers received plaques and tokens of appreciation.

**PARCC Testing:** The testing will be finished in about a week and it will be followed by CMAS testing and Science and Social Studies testing.

**Student Openings:** There are currently openings for students in 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. The school will attempt to get the word out to families. There are more schools opening in the area including a new ECE/Kindergarten school.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Cinco de Mayo Celebration, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- Field Day, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- Multicultural Night, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten Continuation, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation and Barbecue, June 1<sup>st</sup>, time unknown

Students will be required to have a signed permission slip to attend a sibling's continuation during the school day.

### Open Discussion:

- **PTA:** There was discussion on how to start up a PTA at Florida Pitt Waller and it was suggested that there be early, frequent requests to parents including sign-up sheets.
- **Master Calendar:** The need for an early fixed Master Calendar was discussed again and it was suggested that teachers sign up as grade levels. It was also suggested to make the grade level event the third required evening activity for staff.
- **Mental Health Support:** We will be receiving additional support from a Social Worker twice a week and we will try to be proactive.
- **School Ambassadors:** An eighth grade teacher and a second grade teacher were selected to be school ambassadors to work with new teachers. They will receive a stipend paid for from a TIF Grant.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** This grade level will return to having core teachers teaching all subjects and they will attend Specials classes in the elementary six-week rotation. There will be an effort to make them feel part of Junior Academy and there was discussion on having them transition to having more responsibilities later in the year.
- **Parent Portal:** Over 400 of our parents have not signed up for parent portal.

### Teacher Concerns

- **ILT:** There was concern over the new make-up of ILT which will consist of Teacher Leaders and administration. This will be the make-up that the district is requiring.
- **Kindergarten:** Teachers were questioning the lack of centers and science and social studies in next year's schedule and it was reminded that science and social studies will be imbedded in other lessons.
- **J.A.:** Teachers wanted to know if science and social studies could be in nine-week blocks and whether there would be flexibility and they wanted to know if they would have more paraprofessional time available. They may have the nine week blocks but we are restricted by budget on paraprofessional time. Teachers also wanted to know if Interventions could be a push-in but we don't know what grade levels they will be at this time. The new literacy fellows will be for grades ECE – 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Posting Positions:** Teachers felt there was not adequate time to prepare for applying for team specialist positions. They were reminded that the positions were posted online and they were mentioned at the faculty meeting.
- **Class Size:** Elementary teachers voiced concern over their class sizes after the fall reduction in building.
- **Schedule:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade voiced concern over only 50 minutes for science and social studies. Specials teachers voiced concern over having six or seven grade levels to cover and inadequate time for preparation with a 44 minute planning at 10:05 and a 27 minute lunch at 1:08. They were told to use the 7:30 – 8:10 time as planning and the extra period they

may have during either the third and fourth grade periods, however, two teachers will have classes during both periods.

Approved 4/25/16

By: Dr. Latanya Burnett