

CSC Running Agendas

Universal Agreements

Be Student Focused
Actively Participate
Pay Attention to Self and Others
Use Data to Inform Collaboration
Take an Inquiry Stance When Things Get Hard
Take Risks and Be Vulnerable Learners
Be Solutions Oriented

Core Values

Trust
Ownership
Discipline
Humility
Clarity

Mission Statement:

McAuliffe International School develops inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people through the collaborative efforts of students, teachers, parents and community. McAuliffe International is a rigorous, high performing middle school that prepares students for success in high school, college and life.

Noble Cause:

All students are growing at McAuliffe, but not at the same rate. Our work is to make sure that **all students** benefit from the **exceptional academic opportunities** at our school so that they are prepared to succeed in high school and beyond. We are **Denver's Middle School for all students.** We want students to be **brave** enough to try - these are the students who grow.

Effective Team Meetings: Purpose, Collaboration, Results

CSC Dashboard

Handbook
Matrix
Resource Page
Tool Kit

Meeting Agendas

April 22, 2025 - Final Meeting of 2024-25 SY March 18, 2025

February 25, 2025

January 28, 2025

December 10, 2024

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	May- No May Meeting		
Topic: Fund-raising & the McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation	Auction fundraising results/updates	Action Items: • Funds are still being raised, but overall it was a great success!	
Topic: Parent Survey	 Survey Principal and APs will send out reminders; Promote on FB page 	Action Items: • Brian will send it to parents/families next week	
Topic: Grounds Cleanup	 CSC members have met to brainstorm the plan; Sara has been in touch w/ Michelle Moore Including incoming 6th grade families 	Select date/time in May or in the summer (will need to confirm w/ Michelle Moore and Sherry Beardshear that no other events are occurring at the school) Brian will connect Sara w/ Denver Urban Gardens	
Topic: Next Year	 Looking ahead to next year Bringing on two new CSC members next year Two year terms 	Action Items: • Brian will follow same process as this year - any interested parent can apply and the parent community will vote • Ideally, parents from 6th or 7th grade so they can serve a two-year team	
Topic: CSC Principal Feedback	■ CSC Principal Feedback 2024-25	Action Items: CSC members should print and complete the form, send to Sara by Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Sara will compile results and share with Brian - then submit	

March 18, 2025

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Topic: Fund-raising & the McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation	Brian prepared a letter that describes the fundraising needs	Action Items: Brian will share w/ McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation
Topic: Grounds Cleanup	 Sara met with Michelle Moore and she encourages CSC to run with this! Can share materials from previous years DPS has visited and agrees the school would benefit from grass - Brian is waiting to hear back on the final decision 	Action Items: CSC will organize a day to clean up the school after spring break Sun, April 27 at 11am Advertise in Park Hill News Sign up genius Donations - time, tools, plants, etc.
Topic: Parent Survey	Brian has finalized the survey questions	Action Items: • Brian will send out after spring break
Topic: Next Meeting Agenda Items Parent Teacher Conferences Discussion	 Finalize campus cleanup Discuss family engagement survey results Review fundraising results Looking ahead to next year Bringing on two new CSC members next year Two year terms 	Next meeting: April 22, 2025

February 25, 2025

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review. (Melia)			
CSC Members in attendance	Parents Melia Repko-Erwin - Parent of 7th grader and 8 Cindy Myers - Parent of 7th grader Sara Peters - Parent of 6th grader Amy Hladik - Parent of 6th grader Staff Max Betham - 8th grade science teacher and to Brian Duwe - Principal		
CSC Members - unable to attend	Pamela Leonidas - 7th grade assistant principal Codie Egart- Denver Cares Mentoring	l	
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Topic: Fund-raising & the McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation	From: Mary Beth McErlane, McAuliffe Foundation Auction Chair Auction Info What Dinner, drinks, games, dancing Silent auction (mobile bidding) Live auction Live games (e.g. Heads or Tails) Paddle Raise with call to support specific goals Where Hangar Club Denver (7600 E. 1st Place, Denver, CO 80230) When	Seeking auction donations (gift cards, stays in vacation homes, theater or sports tickets, experiences, health and beauty services, physical items: memorabilia, alcohol,) Donate \$\$ or an item to our House baskets. Each House will sponsor two auction baskets for our silent auction. We have Amazon wishlists of items wanted for the baskets and Venmo contacts for our basket organizers	

	 Friday, April 11 from 6-10 p.m. Cost Free for McAuliffe Staff members (must purchase ticket for guests) \$75 for Individual Ticket \$3000 for Green Jacket Club VIP Sponsorship Includes dinner and drinks for up to 15 people Exclusive use of one golf simulator bay all night (except for a brief pause during live program) Logo displayed at event, on event website, and mobile bidding platform Dress Golf-themed attire OR however you wish to dress for the event! 	coming soon. • Spread the word! Since McAuliffe hasn't had an event in several years, we need help getting the word out and getting people excited!
Topic: Budget Follow-up	Brian will provide any additional budget updates for 2025-26 school year that have come up since our last CSC meeting Fundraise- currently 80,000 for Librarian, .4 Health Tech and .8 mentor Want to add 1.0 Media Arts/Vocal Music 90,000 Also, prices for furniture upgrades.	Next parent communication, Brian will send out financial needs and fundraising options. Brian will be at the next parent coffee. (livestream) Potential student video for auction.
Topic: Feedback	CSC members will discuss ways to gather feedback from the community to identify areas of strength and areas of opportunity for MIS	Action Items:
Topic: Next Meeting Agenda Items	 Parent volunteers: Front Kiosk, security check Other safety needs Grounds Cleanup- Brian will ask Sherry 	Action Items: • Discuss grounds cleanup next meeting

January 28, 2025

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Topic: Fund-raising & the McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation	under way	ing and buy-a-share is will be sold in mid-Feb	Action Items: •

Topic: Budget

- Brian will provide an update on budget for 2025-26 school year
 - Enrollment and budget overview (per pupil funding)
 - School priorities
 - o Considerations

Overview: Our school budget is based on the number of students who attend. DPS also provides additional funding for students with specific needs, so schools may receive slightly different per pupil funding based on the needs of the students they serve.

Priorities:

- Strong support for academics and instructional planning
- Student safety and social/emotional behavioral support
- Maintain strong programs through electives, clubs, enrichments, and sport
- Growing needs for mental health

Considerations

- Ideally, we have 450 students per grade, 14 sections of students in each grade (32 students per class)
- Block periods will remain; schedule will remain the same (red/white days)
- District has approved start and end time of 9:10-4:10pm

Additional Notes

- According to intent to return conversations, majority of staff is planning to return (only 4-5 staff members are not returning, most due to moving out of Denver)
- Last year's per pupil funding was a little higher than this year's

Action Items:

 DAC budget <u>survey</u> will be open from Jan. 27 - Feb.10.
 All members of CSC/SAC are asked to complete it.

Topic: Next Meeting Agenda Items	 Attendance is improving 8th grade interims are lagging in subgroups 6th and 7th grade interims are showing good growth compared to last year
	last year

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 25March 18April 22

December 10, 2024

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Topic: Fund-raising & the McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation	 Guest Speaker: Amanda Florence Smiley Foundation Meetings Second Tuesday of the month at 7-8 pm 10 members so far
	 This year's fundraising opportunities: Colorado Gives Day Spring Auction: April 11 Spring Buy A Shares (for parents; for students; etc.) Including Dine and Dash w/ the Smiley Foundation
Topic: Enhancing school safety and supervision	Notes: Guest Speaker: Nicole McSpirit Traffic/Buses: AM and PM Lunch/Recess Nicole has been working w/ Sara and Gus to improve traffic safety (Nicole also supports this effort at Park Hill Elem) Focusing on 26th and Ivanhoe - setting up cones 25th and Holly - painting additional crosswalks (likely in the spring)

Action Items:

 Smiley Foundation Goals: To address critical needs of students and provide funding for staff support and capital improvement projects

Action Items:

- Brian will put the cones out on 26th and Ivanhoe in the AM
- Nicole will stop by in the morning for support - to see if the cones are slowing down traffic

Topic: Supporting the needs of all students

Notes:

- Reading intervention
- Other areas of academic need
- Critical needs

Brian and Pam's proposal: Enrichment blocks at the end of the day designed to address the needs of all students

Consider enlisting support of parents and community members to provide some of these enrichment opportunities (40-45 minutes at the end of the day; 3 days per week)

Action Items:

- CSC To Do: Administer a Google Form with options to see which enrichment opportunities could be led by parents/community members
- Sara will map out next steps to identify interest/availability related to enrichment opportunities provided by community members
- Possibly pilot after CMAS

Topic: Engaging with the community	Notes: Coffee and Community livestream Black Parent Network: Parent engagement meeting on Nov. 21 About 10 parents in attendance	Action Items: • Codie will begin generating a list of potential community partners
Topic: Capital projects	Notes: Involving parent community in making donations toward capital improvements Specific asks seem to be generating a great response (e.g., Sprucing up the teacher's planning spaces and lounges - supports staff morale, teacher retention, etc.) Working in partnership w/ Smiley Foundation	Action Items: Brian and Pam will provide a quote Brian has 2-3 people in mind who can provide a quote Amy will spearhead this effort, with support from Sara Brian will also generate a list of in kind donations (e.g., Espresso machine) Goal: Revamp teachers' planning spaces and grade level lounges over spring break
Topic: Class Size Update	Notes: • Based on Brian's outreach to elementary feeder schools, he is anticipating around 450 students per grade next year	Action Items:

January Meetings:

- DPS Budget Meeting (online)Additional CSC Meeting (in-person) Date TBD

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Tuesday, October 22nd

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Topic: Connection and Team-Building

Notes:

• Effective Team Meetings: (Read article **Indicators of Effective Teams**

Sara:

- Commitment
- Collaboration

Cindy

- Purpose (student-centered)
- Collaboration
- Communication

Pamela:

- Purpose
- Collaboration
- Results

Max:

- Purpose
- Collaboration
- Results

Melia:

- Commitment
- Collaboration
- Evaluation

Codie:

- Purpose
- Collaboration
- Accountability

Brian

Contribution

Notes:

Topic: UIP Pre-meeting:

Review

- Review Student Data Overview
- Review the MIS Action Plan tab

Note: UIP has already been submitted, but this is an opportunity for the CSC to review and provide feedback.

- Increasing growth of students scoring at level 2 and 3 on CMAS
 - Growth isn't happening at the

Consensus:

- Purpose
- Collaboration and Communication
- Results

Action Items:

- Next meeting discuss ways that we can increase parent/family support:
 - Lunch/recess supervision
 - Traffic support
 - Academic support
- Consider whether "Call me Mister" group at Metro would be able to support?
- Brian, Pamela, and Max will ask Culture Team, ILT. ESS, MLL, Community Office, etc.

- rate it was pre-COVID for students in these performance bands
- Students need to grow 1.5
 yrs+ in order to be on grade
 level by the time they leave
 MIS
- Increasing growth and proficiency of our black male students
 - In general, MIS outperforms DPS proficiency scores by quite a bit. However, for black male students, MIS is only slightly outperforming the district.
 - MIS culture and leadership is trying to provide targeted support and check-ins for specific students
 - Attending to attendance rates as well
 - The additional supports include:
 - Math intervention (in place of an elective)
 - IXL computer-based, adaptive practice
 - Individual check-ins w/ culture and leadership team
 - Co-teaching model to support students w/ IEPs
 - Area of need:
 - Reading intervention
- Culture and climate goal hosting opportunities at school and beyond school
 - o Parent coffee
 - Visits at elem schools
 - Visits to community organizations
 - Weekly grades communication (proactive communication)
 - Student advisory council

- Leveraging foundation funds for a reading intervention teacher?
- Live stream the Community Coffees to make them more accessible to all families
- Capital improvements

Topic: For the Good of the School	Table until next time: Insights, feedback, etc. related to a grade level or whole school improvement	Action Items:

Next Meeting: November 19th, 5:30

Topics:

- *Safety- adult supervision at before & after school/ lunch/recess
- 1-Traffic/Buses AM
- 2- Lunch/Recess- outside and inside
- 3- Traffic/Buses PM

(Track volunteer hours)

*Other areas of need with parent partnership/ Community groups- Culture Team/ILT/ SPED/MLL/Comm Office

Coffee and community live stream

 $\underline{\textbf{Capital Projects in building funded by Foundation}} \ (\text{facility upgrades, furniture, grounds}) \ \& \ \text{critical needs, reading intervention teacher}$

Tuesday, September 24th

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Topic:

Training Zoom Call

Notes: (important items for MIS CSC to focus our work on.) Develop a prioritized list of commitments.

- Ensure that community has a voice in school decisions; support student achievement and school performance; AKA "School Accountability Committee"
 - "Recommendation" committee; not a decision-making body
- Consent Decree (supporting multilingual learners); other legislation at the state level to support/require the work of CSCs
 - CSC minimum of 7 people, including at least 3 parents (parents should be largest subset of the committee)
 - State Statute 402 Powers and Duties
 - Convene quarterly (at least)
 - Notes are open to public
 - Feedback on school budget and spending
 - Statute 403 Performance Plans
 - Unified Improvement Plan
- 3. During initial meetings, review handbook and bylaws; Create norms
- 4. Not in CSC roles/responsibilities:
 - a. Day-to-day operations
 - b. Student issues
 - c. Personnel issues
 - d. Advocating for personal agenda
- 5. Fall Quarter
 - a. Orientation
 - b. Review school data
 - c. Feedback on UIP
 - d. Posting meeting

Action Items:

- Establish/agree upon CSC norms
- Melia to email Laura Thompson following each meeting w/ notes to make them publicly available

agendas/minutes on school website

- 6. Facilitation guidelines
 - a. Recommendations should be made by consensus (unanimous or majority support)
 - b. To build consensus:
 - i. Ensure everyone has a thorough understanding of the information
 - ii. Understanding of different perspectives
 - iii. Participation by all members of the group (accommodate different needs)
 - iv. Willingness to work through disagreements
- 7. Guiding Qs for making recommendations:
 - a. What are the priorities?
 - b. Are there multiple options to address the priorities?
 - c. How do we maximize resources to have the greatest impact?
- 8. When making a recommendation:
 - a. Does it align w/ UIP?
- 9. Conflict mgmt:
 - a. Separate people from the issue
 - b. Focus on interests
 - c. Generate options
 - d. Use objective criteria
 - e. Take a break if needed
- 10. District partners
 - a. MLE Team Sary Portillo and Olga Olivas
 - i. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - Provide MLE program info and that all

schools have a system and structure for families to be engaged in a language they understand

- ii. Consent decree parent engagement
 - 1. Ensure the school is implementing an MLE program, supporting communication, and addressing concerns of parents
- iii. All CSCs should review the MLE Family Engagement plan if you have MLE programming
- b. Jasmine Rigby Title I
 - i. Parent advocacy opportunities
 - ii. FACE university (all online opportunities)
 - Recorded on DPS FACE University on YouTube
 - iii. Family Meals Program
 - iv. Calm and Kind Family
 - v. Parenting Partners
- c. District Accountability Committee (DAC)
 - i. Rose Martinez (co-chair)
 - ii. 38 members (educators, community members, family members, etc.)
 - iii. Board appointed after

applying

- iv. Provides advice to the board and district (doesn't get involved in school or regional issues)
- v. Working to develop CSC-DAC pipeline
- d. Breakout Room
 - i. Family Engagement w/ Brittany Newswanger
 - 1. Thursday session on
 building
 relational
 mindsets and
 trust
 - ii. Also visit schools for1:1 support
 - iii. Family engagement specialists (Black, Latine, Asian families)
 - iv. Ways to engage families
 - 1. Share agenda items ahead of time and sharing the important information after the fact
 - 2. Determining barriers that families may face when it comes to engaging
 - Collaborating w/ feeder schools (families have a lot of competing demands - how can schools work together

	to coordinate engagement opportunities) e. See "Resources" slide f. January - Training on school budgets g. Subscribe to CSC list for updates and information Note that meeting slides and recording will be available following the meeting.	
Topic: Open items	Notes: Determine fall meeting dates Brian, Sara, and Melia will meet 2 weeks prior to CSC meeting to develop agenda (10/08/24 at 4:30pm)	Action Items: • Melia will send calendar invites for fall CSC meetings to all CSC members and will share meeting notes with Laura Thompson

Next Meeting: October 22, 2024

Topics:

- 1- Team building and connection
- 2- Commitments from training
- 3- Unified Improvement Plan- share the plan, and receive feedback from CSC.