

PTA Community Meeting Minutes

9.16.2022

Attendees: Jeff VanIwarden, Sara Remington, Liz Dial, Terence Keane, Sarah Reynolds, Kip McCauley, Jenn Garcia, Luisa Rosen, Carie Whalen, Lauren Hanson, Alice Srinivasan, Liz Morrison, Katie French, Elizabeth Mao, Millie Smith, Kristen Davis, Molly Trappe, Katie Hanel, Jen Kilpela, Mary Schmitt, Katy Sill, Samantha Pugh, Jessica Robinson, Hope Engel, Sarah Keane, Julie Berquist, Jennifer Samuels, Ashlee Armenti

I. Jogathon Update

- Fundraising goal at 50%

ACTION: Community, please encourage families to donate if they can do so and have just been waiting til the deadline.

II. Membership

- Regardless of membership status, all community members are welcome to attend PTA community meetings and provide input and feedback at any time.
- Long term, the PTA is discussing the process to move to a PTO model which would eliminate membership fees altogether. There are tax and finance implications so it will likely be a two-year process.
- This is not a new conversation, so the PTA would like everyone to know they're working on it but there are many steps/hurdles in the transition.

III. PTA Website

- There have been many changes recently to the website. <https://www.coalcreekpta.com/>
- Thanks to **Kristen Davis** for taking on this role and making so many improvements.
- PTA has received very positive feedback and will continue to iterate.
- Soon the school calendar will be connected so all events can be found on the website.
- Volunteer opportunities will be shown with time commitments to help prospective volunteers understand what's expected.
- A bulletin board will be installed outside of school that will have a schedule, reminders of events, etc very soon.

IV. Finance Update

- Jogathon fundraising update: at \$22,000 now; goal is \$40,000
- Corp sponsors came in higher than expected at \$12,000
- Budget has not changed and is available any time for review by any community member upon request
- Corp matching for Jogathon is likely two months out so that money will not be seen for some time
- Progress of fundraising is on par with previous years

V. Volunteer Update

- All volunteer opportunities are up on helpatschool already:
<https://bvsd.helpatschools.com/schools/25/events>
- Please check "upcoming", "ongoing", and "class"
- Need for Friday crossing guards and subs for sub pool

- Door decorating – due by September 28
- Silent Disco – will have potential needs
- Walk/Bike to School Day lead – Oct 12
- Book Fair – day and nighttime needs
- Classroom needs
- Reminder to get your Raptor background check (<https://www.bvsd.org/parents-students/get-involved/volunteers>) and fill out paper form for volunteering which can be found at CCE front desk
- If you have a special skill and would like to contribute your time and talent in any way, please contact PTA.

VI. Principal's Update

- Principal Vanlwarden introduced Briana Sykes (Dean of Students)
- Ms. Sykes is in her 8th year at CCE and was previously a resource teacher for 3rd-5th grade
- The Dean of Students position was created by a grant for Marshall Fire schools (Louisville and Superior) with focus on school-wide initiatives.
- It's a one-year grant so it is time limited though CCE will be advocating to retain a role such as this.
- The Dean of Students works almost like an Assistant Principal role to allow Principal to focus on other matters
- Typical day includes supporting teachers and students, subbing in classroom for temp periods, diffusing behavioral challenges so they don't escalate to discipline, lunch and recess duty, majority of time is in grades 1-3 right now.
- CCE also has other support personnel including ½ time support person (Ms. Macur), a mental health advocate (Ms. Hebler), and a counselor (Mr. Dorr)
- Who can a parent contact with concerns? You can email Briana Sykes, she can forward concern if she's not the right person. You can also contact your student's teacher directly who can handle it or escalate it to the appropriate person.

VII. BVSD Safety & Security

- In light of the BVSD email on Thursday evening about a community threat investigation, there was no visible police presence outside the school today, but administration has been told there are unmarked cars and teams in the area and that all local police resources are being used for this matter.
- A Fairview security officer is also here at CCE today.
- BVSD's recommendation at this point is to maintain all regularly scheduled activities but increased adult presence will be utilized during all outside periods.
- The individual making threats has not been arrested at this time. (As of Friday, September 16 at 8:00 AM)
- At CCE, all exterior doors are locked from outside. All staff are frequently reminded that there can be no propped open doors. A meeting attendee suggests/requests to develop a formal protocol for door checks.
- Between transitions, teachers do a headcount to ensure all students are accounted for.

VIII. CCE's Recent Performance Rating

- In response to the CCE email on Friday, September 9 regarding school performance based on last year's Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessment results, Mr. Vanlwarden discusses what this means and next steps.
- CCE has a leadership team for logistics, dates for conferences, bigger planning items, but is also going to add an instructional leadership team. This is a smaller group that will come together to work with CMAS data. The biggest area of concern is around CCE's growth. The school has always been a high achieving school but has had a decline/plateau in growth. The lower growth score combined with slightly lower performance score has made CCE fall to just below the typical "Performance" rating
- The district is appealing this rating with Dept of Education, but even if we get an adjustment of the rating, we still are on cusp so there is work to do.
- CCE needs to focus on helping children demonstrate growth, so no one is stagnant regardless of student's status as high achieving or low achieving.
- This has been an atypical period because 5th graders from last year didn't take any CMAS tests in 3rd

grade due to Covid and last year they just took ELA in 4th, not math, again due to Covid.

- There is no penalty or punitive impact of the 'Needs improvement' rating, but also no additional allotment of funds or staff. The district hired a new data coach to work with multiple schools including CCE. The data coach will look closely at the data – interim assessments, end of unit assessments, etc to explore if we are teaching students the correct material and then what steps need to be taken to improve.
- This should help focus teacher's instruction to ensure we are teaching what is expected to meet standards and identify and address if we need a reteach of a unit or multiple units of study are required.
- CCE was historically high achieving, low growth but now low achieving, low growth.
- This is not reflective of how hard teachers work, how great the kids are, how much social/emotional learning they've done.

Next steps: Everyone is welcome to attend the CCAT meeting on September 29, 3-5 PM (CCE Library) where this will be discussed in more detail.

IX. General Updates and Housekeeping

- Substitute teacher rates have gone up
- Conference sign ups go live at 9 AM on September 19
- JAM is being conducted every other week and kids are loving it. JAM is an engaging combination of PE, Music and Art that brings students together to learn one specific song, dance, and rhythm pattern.
- The Puma is running through the school today in celebration of meeting the 50% fundraising mark.

X. Upcoming Events

- SEPT 29: CCAT Meeting, 3-5 PM (in the library)
- OCT 7: Silent Disco, 7-11 PM (Steinbaugh Pavilion)
- OCT 18: PTA Community Meeting, 6-7 PM (virtual)