

## SAC Meeting 12/05/24

Attendees: Dana Edwards, Molly Neuman, Chris Madrid

1. Charter School: no building is available yet, but they are looking at possibly the old Russell Stover building, or Nazarene Church. Teachers do not have to be certified and there were questions about the admissions process. There were also questions about transportation (charter people said parents would bring/pick up) and whether or not it would become discriminatory due to parents' abilities to provide transportation. Also questions about whether or not it would affect staffing and funding.
2. Reminders to Parents about mid-year testing:
  - A. ACCESS - a language test is starting right after the Winter Break. Chris Madrid will be notifying those parents.
  - B. DIBELS - reading is happening now with the window closing before Winter Break
  - C. MAPS ELA/Math - as of this point (tonight) per district is scheduled for after Winter Break. We will be checking with them to do before so there is no learning loss over break. (\*\*\*) As of 12/6 the intermediate grades 3-5 are able to administer these tests before break)
  - D. CMAS - Starts just before Spring break and finishes after the break. In addition to Math and ELA, 5th always does a science test and this year (lottery type choosing from state) 4th will do Social Studies.
3. 1st Grade Model - it is working as intended with a collaborative team of teachers. Mrs. Edwards also likes the co-teaching model that is happening in this grade level.

- A. Mrs. Edwards explained how due to adult numbers they are actually able to do testing, data reading, and reassigning students to different groups every two (2) weeks.
  - B. There is a question of staffing due to the fact that our Instructional Facilitators (IF) are Student Teachers doing their internship and so they are not long term and how that will affect us. On plus side - the student teachers will be super well prepared for their own career.
  - C. Team visit observations - We (OGES) are hosting visits from other schools that are either doing or thinking about this and our teachers are also visiting the other schools that are currently using this model.
4. 2nd Semester Activities:
- A. December 20th (just before 2nd quarter), the 5th grade is going to Grand Junction to see an abridged version of “The Nutcracker” and tour the CMU campus
  - B. January 2025: 2nd quarter assembly, 5th grade Rec Center field trip, school Spelling Bee
  - C. February 2025: Read With the One You Love (RWTOYL) and Ambassadors are hosting Kindness Month and week during this time.
  - D. March 2025: Smart Smiles Dental Clinic, Bookfair, Parent Teacher Conferences, Music Folk Night, PE 4th grade Showcase, Quarter 3 Assembly, CMAS testing begins
  - E. April 2025: Complete CMAS testing, 5th grade “NEW ME” presentation, Ambassadors Community Connection with Presentation, NWEA end of year testing
  - F. May 2025: 5th grade Track Meet, Quarter 4 assembly, 5th grade Sweitzer Field trip, Grade Level Celebrations.

5. S'More Newsletters: Molly asked if that could be restored as she feels that it is very informative and gives parents a better snapshot of what is happening schoolwide. Mrs. Edwards said she can get it done, just hasn't been able to get there yet.

6. Parent Feedback - Mrs. Edwards sent out during Fall Parent Teacher Conferences and only got 18 responses. She then recently pushed it out and let parents know the grade level with most participation would get coffee (4th won) and received 90 responses. She then showed results (link in agenda) and spoke about responses. On Monday (12/2) during the Staff PLP day, we focused on 2 questions regarding parents have a relationship with us, but don't feel like partners in their child's education. As a school we will be focusing on this piece as a reflective tool. We are collaborating with Rocky Mountain Collaborative which offers resources about equitable communication,

Meeting adjourned