



## **CDSP General Meeting Minutes**

**35 Leroy Ave.**

**February 6, 2020, 9:30 am**

**In attendance:** Julie Best, Sara Parent, Catherine Piorkowski, Carol Kennedy, Robin Nelson, Stacey Tie, Amy Daniels, Jenn Sherman, Adrienne Kelly, Alex Hall, Amy Zerbe, Beth Jacobs, Beth Morgan, Byrne Pozzi, Gina Gromelski, Jennifer Morici, Joan Kanlian, Joanna Walsh, Kelly Scallon, Lori Olson, Marian Cope, Mekhala Attonito, Sarah Madson, Stacey Tie, Tara Wurm, Mia Mihapoulos, Christina Bondo, Kristen Crocker Fiordolus, Jill McCammon

Meeting called to order by Sara Parent at 9:32 .

Vote to approve the minutes of January 9, 2020 by Stacey Tie; seconded by Beth Jacobs.

### **Co-Chair Update**

- Ox Ridge Building Committee Update: Committee will be scheduling a complete update to the Board of Education and other town boards. The State seems very positive about the plans.
- Other updates
  - Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction has been appointed. Christopher Tranberg, who is currently the Assistant Superintendent of schools in Granby will begin on April 13.
  - Elementary field trip busing remains a topic of discussion because PTOs are budgeting for next year. Sara and Julie will be meeting in March to clarify if busing will be paid for by parents and, if so, how.
  - PTO copying discussion: The elementary schools have practices around being able to make copies at school. The Royle PTO was told that they can no longer use the copy center. There was discussion around other options such as eliminating hard copies of PTO announcements going home from school. If not able to eliminate entirely, the library and UPS has affordable copying.

**Discussion and action on Revised By-laws:** Jenn Sherman proposed changes to the by-laws. Voting procedures were reviewed. First, Stacey Tie; Second, Amy Daniels. Passed unanimously.

### **Officer Updates**

- Budget Update from Robin Nelson and Carol Kennedy: Important upcoming dates include Feb 11/BOE meeting for final cuts; March 3/BOF discussion on budget; March 10/BOF public hearing.
  - Potential cuts from the BOE could be 9th grade achievers and 9th grade ipads. Potential adds include funds for Open Gov, 2 wrestling mats, 2 tennis courts at high school.
- Nominating update from Amy Daniels: The nominating committee will be meeting for the first time in the coming week. Amy is still looking for representation from MMS, DHS, and Holmes.
- Special Education update from Stacey Tie: Shira Schwartz will be taking on a new role as SESS facilitator and the position as program director is open. The fire marshall reached out to Stacey to see if there is anything the fire department can do to assist children with needs. Finally PTO chairs and those considering a position as a special education rep are invited to attend a subcommittee member.

**Discussion and follow up on DHS Academic Integrity:** The sophomore World History and English exams were compromised and answers were widely distributed. Those exams will be retaken by all students. Lori Olson cautioned that there are a lot of rumors in the community about this that are inaccurate. She suggested thinking constructively: what we can learn from it? Many students knew about the test answers but no one reported it; why was this? Should there be a structure for reporting?

### **School Updates**

- *Royle:* Royle is holding a Random Act of Kindness week including a partnership with Neat by coloring coffee sleeves.
- *Hindley:* Hindley held a boy's Tall and Small event and will be sponsoring a Passport Day in March.
- *Holmes:* The PTO is beginning strategic plans for reserve funds. On February 13th they are sponsoring a 'we love our teachers' coffee. Some parents have complained about the lack of communication regarding the 5th grade math assessment.
- *Ox Ridge:* None

- *Tokeneke*: The response to the screening of Upstanders was great; approximately 50 people attended. This week the first Tall/Small event will be held. Also, Tokeneke is working in partnership with other elementary students for a presentation on internet safety.
- *MMS*: The PTO is holding its first community cocktail party.
- *DHS*: The PTO is continuing to plan the Senior Prom post-prom event. Also, on February 26th there will be a parent program about LGBTQ.

**New Business:** none

Motion to adjourn at 10:50. First by Stacey Tie, second by Jenn Sherman.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Piorkowski, Secretary.