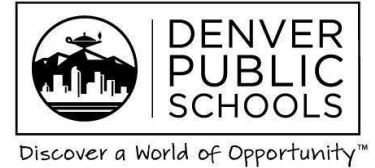


CSC Meeting Agenda

Joe Shoemaker School
3333 S Havana Street
Denver, CO 80230



2020 – 2021

February 22, 2021
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting

The mission of Joe Shoemaker School (Shoemaker) is to ensure that all children achieve academic and personal excellence, experience joy in learning and use their individual and collective talents and passions to become effective learners and ethical citizens who contribute to a better world.

Shoemaker strives to provide a true Colorado education, embracing our urban and natural settings. Our school model integrates a strong school community, EL Education and ecological literacy. At Shoemaker joyous, purposeful learning is the norm and relationships matter. When students have a strong sense of belonging coupled with meaningful work they care about, no goal is too mighty.

Committee Members: (For minutes, please cross out those who are unable to attend)

1. Chris Fleming, Principal
2. Lane Harlow, Assistant Principal
3. Katey Edson, Teacher
4. ~~Sarah Contreras, Teacher~~
5. Nilka Kentish, Community Member
6. ~~Carlos Figueroa, Parent~~
7. Jessica Volk, Parent
8. Kerstin Caldwell, Parent
9. ~~Jessica Munoz-Oroyzon, Parent~~
10. Jenny Jordan, Parent
11. Luisa Bernal, Classified Staff
12. Jenna Becker, Classified Staff
13. Jane Shirley, Community Member

Agenda:

1. Call to order, welcome
2. Establishing/Reviewing Norms
3. Review/Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings
Meeting minutes from 2/1/21 & 2/9/21 were approved.
We will make effort to make future meetings available to public through Zoom.

Follow-up from last meeting: several families of current 3rd and 4th graders responded to the phone calls inquiring about their intent for next year. Most indicated they planned to return to Shoemaker. Based on the responses received, there are numbers for at least 2 classrooms for each grade and we haven't heard back from multiple families, therefore it will be wise to plan for 3 classrooms each.

4. CMAS and Testing Planning

a. DPS Stance on the Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Role:

Since the CSC is an extension of the school, and therefore of the district, it cannot take a stance that is different than district policy. The CSC does not have the authority to vote on whether the school will participate in CMAS.

Many superintendents and principals have written public letters saying no to testing this year. One Denver School Board representative has posted on Facebook that he is opting his kids out of CMAS.

Ultimately, individual families must decide for what is best for their student(s) as it relates to opting out of testing or not.

b. Overview of CMAS Time and Resource Requirements

Shoemaker has decided to devote 4 Fridays in April to testing. The entire day would be devoted to tests. This would minimize the impact on instruction time.

Those who opt out would have asynchronous lessons available and would not be in the building, unless the volume of students opting out is sizable, then it may be possible for testing to be done in small groups in spaces outside of the regular classrooms. (Note: After this CSC meeting was held, based on numbers the school determined that all students who opt out of CMAS will be able to attend school in person on testing days.) ECE – 2nd grade should be able to be in-person per usual, unless a lot of remote students decide to participate in CMAS.

Usually, the entire school building and staff is utilized to create the best experience for students to test. This year the options are significantly limited due to needing to maintain cohorts and social distance. The logistics involved are substantial.

c. Options for Opting Out

Families should know that CMAS is not required. There are no repercussions for the student or school of opting out. The data gained this year is not expected to be statistically significant.

Due to the logistics involved in planning this year, the earliest the school knows about a student's intention to test (or not) the better.

d. CSC Member Questions and Discussion

We believe that all families would benefit from hearing the perspectives that we discussed tonight. We recommend that a fact-based FAQ be developed and shared with the Shoemaker community. It was also recommended that the FAQ be translated into the various languages of our community.

CSC members are available to families who may wish to discuss further.

5. Meeting Wrap-Up

a. Upcoming Meetings

i. March 15 - CSC Bylaws, Election, and Term Lengths

Action Item: Review Bylaws, and consider own plan for term length.

ii. April 19 - UIP/School Goals

iii. May 17 - TBD

NOTE: All agendas are posted publicly in a timely fashion on school's website and/or in a highly visible area in the building.