

## **ACS SAC Meeting Minutes 3-28-19**

### **Meeting Opened (Mark Spoone)**

Intro, overview and review of the agenda

Open request for any topics to cover

### **School update (Yvette Brown)**

Plenty of snow days left – have used 3 of 5 allotted. Need a total of 1,080 hours for middle and 990 for elementary school and school is on track to meet those reqs

Child Evaluations start in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

2020-2021 Colorado standards will be totally revamped; science will be most impacted CAS (Colorado Academic Standards)

Curriculum focus is on CORE KNOWLEDGE – started in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – very good feedback and want to use Science curriculum

Getting a new Playground set: removal 4/13 and install by 4/20

2 apple award winners

Amanda Garton and Cindy Keeling

### **PTO Update (Minda Spoone)**

Weekly email blasts

Box tops – now accepting CASH!! Dimes only though

Elections for PTO are going to be 4/30

Other options to support PTO

End of year will be eagle dash – run for finds

### **Governing Board update (Marc Herre)**

Gave student awards

School budget update – received upgraded funding

Won bond and mill money

Received approval for Tier 1 needs under Bond levy

-Funding to replace fire alarm system (\$500k estimated cost), and also possibly door handles that are \$500 each!!!

Alliance of Charter Schools – ACS has joined the group to further the support for Charter schools

Significance Needs program funding increased to \$400/student

### **Elementary School Update**

1<sup>st</sup> grade were animals

2<sup>nd</sup> grade finished Ellis Island simulation

Seasons and weather, lots of work on nonfiction writing

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Rocks minerals, weathering and erosion lab,

4<sup>th</sup> grade: weather, atmosphere, visit from Buffalo Bill

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Ameritown, studied land forms, feudal Japan and Russia

## **Middle School Update**

7<sup>th</sup> learning java script; “Life of Frederick Douglas”

8<sup>th</sup> Python code and board games printers: “Unbroken” reading; central angles and arcs; probability of dependent events, adding and subtracting polynomials, trapezoids; science

Brief Overview of PARCC Data (Mark Spoone, Yvette Brown and Marc Herre)

ACS has achieved 86 score in the way of growth – very good! And just missed 87 cutoff for additional recognition

Questions:

PARCC data – where can parents see the data? SchoolView.org gives data for every school

What about the “Alliance”? It is an organization to represent the charters schools for Douglas County

May support a specific candidate

Parent asked if Alliance can support an initiative? This is being discussed as one of the things that the Alliance may engage and explore; for example the sex education initiative

Same parent asked about scoring structure:

Same parent question: Will designer of Playground be there to support the breakdown and rebuild of the playground: Yes! We are using volunteers for both with guidance of the designer