SAC Meeting October 3, 2006

Call to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Susan Perkins, SAC Chair Julie Stordahl, member Erin DiGeorge, C2E faculty member Lisa Sams, C2E faculty member Linda Parker, C2E Assistant Principal Dawn Rinken, SAC Secretary Paulette Gleason, Governing Council member Jennifer Wick, SAC Vice Chair and Community Business Member Anita Baumgartner, member Sheri Hartman, member Kimberly Hubbs, community member

Re-introductions of those in attendance and Election of vice chair: Paulette nominates Jennifer, but Susan pointed out that maybe Jen couldn't do it because she is the Community Member At Large. Discussion of whether Jen wanted to continue to be the Community Member At Large. Linda said there is also a C2E grandparent who could possibly be the Community Member At Large. Everyone referenced the SAC Bylaws, which Linda had brought, and no one could find anywhere that said the Community Member At Large couldn't also be a Vice Chair. Sheri Hartman nominates Julie Stordahl. Votes written down by all eligible voting members present, Jennifer Wick voted new SAC Vice Chair.

Minutes from September 26, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

DAC Meeting: Paulette brought copies of her notes from the District Advisory Council meeting she attended on September 25, 2006. She highlighted things the keynote speaker said about accountability, noting accountability principles and grading principles. The keynote speaker had noted that Douglas County was already outstanding in accountability practices and Paulette noted to us that C2E already exceeded many of Douglas County's practices. (For Paulette's complete notes, click here.)

Much discussion regarding the report cards. Specifically, the parents want to receive the report cards prior to the parent-teacher conferences. Parents expressed a desire to have p-t conferences in the evenings, after parents come home from work. Teachers expressed willingness to be flexible about conference times, but concern over staying too late at school because many of the C2E teachers already put in 80-hour weeks, and sometimes up to 100-hour weeks. Both parent and teacher SAC members agreed to e-mail parent-teacher conference suggestions to Susan. Susan will meet with Paulette and the ideas will be presented at the next meeting. It was re-iterated that SAC does not set policy and cannot change the charter, but it is the critical "new idea" platform for the school, which can lead to change.

School saftey concerns: Discussion of positive feelings about the new ID requests for entry to the school, in light of the violence that has happened in the past week around the country and in Colorado. Carpool safety measures were discussed. The existing, dysfunctional lightning storm policy was discussed. Paulette will look into lightning policy, Julie will look into carpool safety policies. Susan brought up the possibilty of a punch-code-intercom safety system, fundraising possibilities were discussed.

School concerns: Volunteer hours - can parents pay money in lieu of doing their 20 hours? Paulette has looked into this for governing council. It is permissible, but only if money is labeled as a "donation." Jennifer offered to head up a sub-committee to check into volunteer hours (including ways parents can volunteer at school), lunchroom issues (noise levels & attitudes), and whether we can discern a way to have parties in classrooms. Erin seconded, motion passed. School concerns about the hallways and discussion on the 2005-06 SAC Survey were tabled until next meeting.

Community Concerns: Paulette questioned whether positive reports can be put out to parents by SAC. Linda said that, yes, reports of this nature can be put on the web.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., motion passed.