

# CSC Agenda and Minutes

**December 12, 2017**

1. Public Comment about GT services at the middle school level
  - a. Marked decrease in GT numbers at DCIS MS, down by half in the last 3 years
  - b. This concern is mirrored in the Parent Satisfaction Survey, which rates the school low on “challenging middle school curriculum”
  - c. We are having a hard time competing with other middle schools that offer a separate track for honors students
  - d. Request that we have a GT teacher at least 2 days a week
2. Public comment about Counseling Office
2. Review Public Comment Norms: will move to January meeting
3. Budget Pre-Discussion
  - a. World Language & Middle School Data  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kX44GubGyWDmb5gPh3ZGFpY79Dgtk\\_ctMqvEuxwSpzg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kX44GubGyWDmb5gPh3ZGFpY79Dgtk_ctMqvEuxwSpzg/edit?usp=sharing)
    - Question came up about level 2 world language numbers (going to do more research)
    - Compared ratios for world language vs. math/english
    - As a CSC, create a presentation to submit to the district and discuss the importance of our mission and the needed support. Must be sustainable.
  - b. CSC Brainstorm around the “tipping point” problem of DCIS. Going forward the need to spend our money on literacy and math intervention will make it difficult to sustain world languages and double Social Studies classes, given the numbers in those classes and the data-based need to 1)focus more intently on math and literacy support, particularly for MS

students and 2) decrease large performance gaps between White and Hispanic students.

c. Decision to have CSC make a “pitch” as to why international studies is vitally important and merits additional weighted funding in order to save it

- Kit and Melisa will work on the alumni video piece
- Orah will talk to Karen H.
- Lukas will work on slides for the pitch
- The committee of students, parents and teachers will create a draft of the presentation pitch by January 23 CSC Meeting
- Committee is: Lukas, Joselyn, Kiaya, Melisa, Kit, Orah, Jennifer and maybe Karen

d. Committee nominated Amber as the Chair of CSC. Orah will reach out to her and we will vote at January 23 meeting