

CARDINAL COMMUNITY ACADEMY

*Accountability Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2015*

Present:

April Dowdy, Amber Epple, Tara Schutter, Kathleen Harrison, Susan Barrier, Ellen Swieter, Kari Cain, Tammy Kester, and Jody Auer

- I. Minutes approval
- II. Assessment and Results – How the Middle School is using Assessment to Improve Instruction – this line item was tabled until the next meeting.

PARCC -

Statewide PARCC results just released (not individual schools)

Statewide the participation rates fell with increasing grade level. The only assessment that met 95% participation was the 3rd grade LA. The “met or exceeded expectations” percentages were low statewide. Talking points are that the bar has been set higher, so scores were lower. PARCC is supposed to compare state to state, but each state gets to set its own cut points so the comparison is not really valid.

III. Waiver Request

CCA presented a request for a waiver from the use of Acuity for mid-year assessments to the district board at their recent meeting. The waiver request is likely to be refused because according to the board, “comparability is compromised” if CCA is doing a different test from the rest of the district. However, we will get one more chance to hopefully speak to the board in December at their meeting. The district uses Acuity to determine who needs intervention and who needs the gifted and talented program. April has been asking other charters about their testing and if they are required to use the same assessments as the district that they are in – so far, the answer has always been no. She also asked if charter schools were included in the bond that just passed in Brighton. Brighton’s charters are included for facilities in their district. CCA teaches 8% of the district’s students and hopes to get the same percentage (which would be approximately \$2M) of any bond put forth in our district in order to be able to get a new facility.

IV. Mid-year parent satisfaction survey changes

We would like to administer the survey during the December 2 – 11 range so the results can be covered at the next meeting. Ellen asked if Jody would ask the middle school teachers about questions they’d like to see added or modified.

#3. (see hand out for replacement suggestion from MS teachers)

#6 My child’s teacher is available when requested. Or (Susan) what constructive critique can you offer to help teacher ...

#9 ... graded work is returned to students in a timely manner

#4 eliminate “The school expects quality work of its students”

Kari- elementary- add something like “what content would you like to see in the weekly communication from parents” “where do you find out school information?”

After school program question- update since it has been implemented

V. After school care program update:

Several have punch cards, using everyday. Only a handful do the occasional, for PTO mtgs. Income: +\$2129, expenses: \$2744. Expenses consist of wages for four employees, minor expenses for crafts. Advertising is still needed, perhaps with a schedule of events. See Tara's flyer. Add "Structured activities may include..., drop-ins are welcome." Suggested.

VI. Good of the order - None

VII. Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.