

Meeting Minutes from PCN – March 6th, 2019

Hello CFCI families! The PCN met on March 6th and there was much discussion about the future of CFCI. It is an exciting time to be a part of the school as the strategic plan comes together and is put into practice.

The first item on the agenda was **diversity**. Diversity was an issue considered as the strategic plan was being developed. In order to focus on increasing the racial diversity of students at CFCI, items such as buses and a cafeteria would have to be pursued. A decision was made to ensure the school was strong in its inquiry roots and curriculum before turning attention and resources towards those types of capital expenditures. The possibility of reaching out to our nearest neighbors in the surrounding apartments was discussed and could be pursued in the near future. Although diversity is not a stated goal of the strategic plan, it is embedded in several of the five goals, particularly as service learning opportunities are increased. Potential also exists for students to plan an assembly during Black History month similar to what they did for Veterans Day.

The **Strategic Plan** is almost in its final form and should be approved at the board meeting this month. At that point, it will be shared with the CFCI community in its entirety along with the data and evidence used to create the goals. The themes and goals that have come out of the faculty, student and parent responses are:

- **Theme #1: Model School of Inquiry**
Strategic Goal 1: CFCI will cultivate, deepen and sustain a foundation of inquiry integrated into all aspects of our school and community.
- **Theme #2: High Quality Talent**
Strategic Goal 2: CFCI will attract, hire, equip and retain high quality professionals committed to the CFCI mission and beliefs.
- **Theme #3: Academic Program Excellence**
Strategic Goal 3: CFCI will provide the highest levels of inquiry learning, educational experiences, academic support and guidance to ensure students' mastery through each future transition.
- **Theme #4: Culture of Community**
Strategic Goal 4: CFCI will foster a culture of community through developing connections between students, staff, families and the greater community.
- **Theme #5: Mission Based Learning Environment**
Strategic Goal 5: CFCI will improve, refine and invest in facility and resource development to support a safe and healthy learning environment and increase productivity.

We discussed what platforms will be best to share the strategic plan with the CFCI community and how to celebrate the future together. Look for more information about the strategic plan coming soon!

Another item up for discussion was **New Family Orientation**. A big thank you to Ashley Sarvis for volunteering to head this up and get current CFCI families connected with incoming families. Be on the look-out for an opportunity to volunteer as a "Big Buddy" family to new families. We batted around ideas for reaching out to new families as well as considered the important pieces of information to share as we help them make a smooth transition to CFCI.

The final item up for discussion was **afternoon clubs at CFCI**. Currently the only after school clubs offered are Riptide Runners and Robotics, which are both seasonal clubs. With the new volunteer procedure in place, the pool of parents who have a background check has grown, which could mean the opportunity for new clubs to form. Possible clubs could include chess club, Science Olympiad, Math Counts, and competitions such as a spelling bee. A committee of interested parents/faculty will be forming to explore this topic further.