

# Stevens Elementary PIE Meeting Notes

*Partners In Education*  
(aka Stevens' School Accountability Committee/SAC)  
Thursday, November 9, 2017



## Attendees:

Andrea Martin, Parent, Committee Chair  
TJ McManus, Principal  
Tommy Dodge, Assistant Principal  
Lori Larson, Teacher  
Jessi Oberbeck, Teacher

Crystal Cortes, Parent  
Angelle Greer, Parent  
Jessica Henner, Parent  
Jessica Hernandez, Parent  
Aleaha Travis, Parent  
Kerri Wilson, Parent

## Stevens Updates

### Budget/Funding Updates:

- The October student count at Stevens was 356, well below the projection of 372; this means the school will need to return some district funding and will have an adjusted budget by December. TJ will address these updates at the January PIE meeting.
- Stevens recently received \$26,000 in funding through the Read Act Budget, which focuses on K-3 literacy. This funding will be used to fund substitutes (allowing literacy training for K-3 teachers), a site license for Istation (an award winning educational technology), books for teachers, enhancements for the school's guided reading library, and new laptops for K-3 teachers.
- Final Title 1 funds for Stevens were recently allocated for one new school paraprofessional position, to focus on social/emotional learning for K-6; this 5-hour per day opening is currently posted.
- Additional 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant funds were recently allocated to purchase materials the new Stevens design lab; the lab is currently being finalized and will match the design of the school library (colors, murals, furniture, etc.); this "makers space" will include Lego robotics, craft materials, recyclables for building, etc., and is scheduled to open the first week of December.

### Stevens Unified Improvement Plan (UIP):

- The three main areas of the Stevens Unified Improvement Plan address the school's focus on improving the ability of students to explain their thinking through oral and written responses (oral focus for K-4th, oral and written for 5th-6th); ongoing teacher involvement in the PLC process (Professional Learning Communities); and increasing community involvement and opportunities for social/emotional learning at the school.

### School Communications:

- TJ will soon begin utilizing the school messenger system, allowing her to send email updates directly to Stevens families.
- TJ solicited volunteers to assist with the creation of a monthly newsletter for families.
- Stevens Elementary will be featured in an article in the December Wheat Ridge Gazette.

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### **Committee Questions from October Meeting:**

- In October 2017, Jeffco Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jason Glass released Jeffco Generations: A Learning-Centered Vision for our Communities Schools, to address the district focus on learning, conditions for learning, and readiness for learning. TJ passed out flyers about the document to meeting attendees, and additional copies will be available in the office. If interested, families can visit the Jeffco Public Schools – Colorado facebook page and join the “Jeffco Generations Conversation.” TJ will speak more about this vision at the January PIE meeting.
- Earlier this week TJ attended a Futures Convention, bringing together principals and representatives from all schools in the Wheat Ridge articulation area to discuss visions for the future of the area (e.g., what sort of pathways should be built into the structure, what options schools should be available, how cultural diversity should be embraced by the schools, etc.). Anyone interested in being a part of this process should contact TJ.
- Due to time constraints, a discussion about the future of the GT program at Stevens will be held over for the January PIE meeting.

### **Family Liaison Update**

- Alex Merkins, the Stevens Family Engagement Liaison, is focusing efforts to increase family involvement in the January round of RISE meetings by setting up a carnival of some sort (e.g., bouncy houses) that kids can attend during the parent meetings; parents will be able to join after the meetings end.

### **Coming Events**

- Teacher/Family Conferences: Week of November 13, 2017
- Everitt Middle School Events: “Jump to the Middle” for Current 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Families on Tuesday, Nov. 14 (6-8PM); “Middle School MAGIC” Open House and for Current 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Families on Thursday, Dec. 7 (5:45-7PM)
  - The first Everitt “Move to the Middle” event in early November, for current 5<sup>th</sup> (incoming 6<sup>th</sup>) families, was exceptionally well attended.

### **Other**

- Email Andrea ([andregwynmartin@yahoo.com](mailto:andregwynmartin@yahoo.com)) with any agenda items you want to add to the PIE agenda for future meetings.
- The PIE portion of the meeting began at approximately 6:30 and concluded at 7:00.

### **Future 2017-2018 Stevens PIE/PTA Meetings (Thursdays, 5:30-7:00)**

- No Meeting in December 2017!
- January 11, 2018
- February 8, 2018
- March 8, 2018
- April 12, 2018
- May 10, 2018

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