

Principal's Report

21st Century Charter School @ Colorado Springs

August 12, 2008

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Staff Update:

- All staff have been hired for the 08-09 school year. Our special services will be staff by PSI, the organization that CSI has a contract to provide services with.
- Eleven of our staff members attended the Love and Logic Conference in June where the focus was on classroom management. Each person I have talked with so far came back very excited and ready to implement some new procedures. We worked as a staff to develop procedures to use on a daily basis. These procedures have gone well these first few days of school. We are seeing a huge difference from last year already.

Community Involvement/Connection Update/Student Recruitment/Open Houses Update:

- We spent the summer using various methods for student recruitment. We had a booth at Springs Spree and a booth at the Dream Center Block Party in the Hillside Community. We have obtained a couple of students from these events. Jeff Shafer came out along with Leslie Cagle to assist in our recruitment. Here is an update Leslie sent GEO:

Great Day at Spring Spree today! Kurt, Halley and myself were there for the entire day, Mike Darlington, Tim Penton and Janet Nace dropped by after their Love and Logic Class, to give us a little break!

Around 300 families stopped at our booth and picked up literature, and give away items. Around 20 families were interested in touring the school and took registration papers. Globe Charter School had a booth on the other side of the park, and D11 had a booth as well.

Sam's Club took pictures of all the booths and told me that they were going to have them playing on the TV monitors in their store for local advertising.

Upcoming Events:

- With our 90% returning staff I am excited to get the school year started. We are excited to have the CSSI report and our strategic action plan to ensure that we will have a better year in 08'. This will give us clear directions for what needs to be implemented, holding teachers more accountable, and ensuring student achievement. We had a great week of professional development with staff before students returned. We also had a great start of the school year. Students are telling me that they are actually learning in math and science already this year. We have two great teachers in these classes.
- Glenn Englund has been hired by GEO as a consultant and he is busy recruiting for our school. He is also planning Information Nights on Thursdays to inform prospective students/parents of our school.
- September 3, 2008 from 6:00 – 7:00 we will be having a Welcome Back to School Night for our current students and parents. Student work will be on display for parents to see. I will be addressing the parents for a few minutes and then letting them visit their child's classrooms to get to know the teachers better.

Enrollment Update:

- As of today, August 12, 2008, we have 184 students who have physically started school with us. We will have an update for you at the meeting as these numbers are changing daily.

PPCC Update:

- 1) MOU signed July 3
- 2) Student Registration completed July 11 (you have the details)
- 3) All text books purchased
- 4) Bus purchased
- 5) Brian Beck scheduled to support IT issues at PPCC July 27 - Aug 2
- 6) Local press release to be completed wk of July 14 (GEO with PPCC)
- 7) GEO designing large 8x10 banner for PPCC building
- 8) We need board clarification for the dress code for 10th and 11th graders attending PPCC.