

Memo to: Board of Trustees
Memo from: Dr. Derek Citty
Date: March 20, 2017
Re: Walsh Elementary Principal

We are excited to announce Sheri Coll as our recommendation for the first principal of Walsh Elementary.

Process:

We had a total of seventy-four candidates apply for this position. Seven of these applicants had applied to prior administrative openings and were previously interviewed. Of the remaining sixty-seven applicants, two were internal applicants that are current assistant principals. The first round of candidates selected for consideration met the criteria of a minimum of three years' experience as an elementary principal. This pool consisted of seventeen applicants, six were given a phone interview screener and from this pool, the committee selected four individuals who were invited for a final interview by cabinet: Dr. Derek Citty, Lynn McKinney, Earl Husfeld, Denise Dugger and Kathy Allen. Full references and background checks were completed on the recommended applicant.

Sheri Coll's educational background includes:

- A Bachelor of Science in Communication from the University of Arizona
- A Master of Education Administration from the University of Phoenix

Sheri Coll's career highlights:

- Began her teaching career in Aurora ISD in Denver Colorado where she spent 6 years as an elementary teacher in grades Kindergarten and 1st.
- Sheri moved to Douglas County ISD, also in Denver, where she taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. She was then promoted to elementary Assistant Principal.
- Sheri has served the last 5 years as the Principal at Summit View Elementary School where they have created a successful 21st Century Innovative School that has ranked in the top 10% in state test scores. Ms. Coll's campus, Summit View Elementary School, was recently honored by being named a 2017 John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award recipient.

Sheri's husband Steve, who is also a career educator, has been a secondary science teacher in the Denver area. Sheri and her husband Steve are currently house hunting in the area. They have two daughters, Samantha and Alexis; her oldest daughter is married and lives in the DFW area, and is a fourth grade teacher. Their youngest daughter will be attending the University of North Texas.