Update on 2018 Summer Programming and the Summer Dreamers Academy
Education Committee Meeting
September 5, 2018
Expect great things.
Out-of-School Time

• High-quality, engaging, and accessible before, during, after-school, and summer experiences

• Our three biggest areas of work are…
  • After-School Academy: 21st Century Community Learning Centers
  • OST Partnerships: We currently partner with nearly 100 partner organizations serving our students in the OST space
  • Summer Dreamers Academy & Summer Program Coordination
Fast Facts:

• 300 in-coming PPS kindergarteners served
• Camper attendance was approx. 70%
• 6 locations (3 with Summer Dreamers & 3 in ECE Centers)
• Followed the Summer Dreamers model – academics in the morning (Big Day for PreK) & enrichment in the afternoon (The Carnegie Science Center, Gateway to the Arts, WQED’s PBS Kids, The Children’s Museum, & the Carnegie Library)
• Program funding was provided by MDRC.
Feedback from families:

• “My daughter felt love & encouragement from her teachers. She enjoyed the classroom activities & would often want to recreate them at home.”

• “Thank you for working with my son this summer. I just want to add that this free programming is great for parents like us, otherwise the cost would make it impossible to give our children these experiences.”

• “I noticed my son started to do more math & communicate more with adults.”

• “My daughter made new friends & learned about topics that were not yet discussed in preschool.”

The main objectives of Little Dreamers Academy were to:

• Prepare children to be ready for kindergarten academically & social-emotionally.

•Expose children to a variety of hands-on STEAM activities.

• Provide children with a safe, fun, & education summer program.
String Camp 2018

Again this summer, the Arts Education Department hosted **String Camp**. A dedicated week-long camp for students playing the violin, viola, cello, or bass. This year’s camp was held at Allegheny K-5 and included field trips to the Aviary and Children’s Museum.

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String Camp 2018

Regional Participation

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The culminating concert was held Friday, June 22nd at the Children’s Museum with 150 guests in attendance.

Instruments

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TOTAL 20 26
Summer Academy!
The Look...
The Feel...
The Results!

• Served over 100 scholars from Hill District, Homewood, and West End neighborhoods
  – Over 6-week camp, average daily scholar attendance was 71%!
  – Unique Summer Academy activities:
    • 3-day stay at Robert Morris University for college immersion
    • Visits to corporate headquarters of Covestro, Giant Eagle, Koppers, Lamar Advertising, and McKinsey
    • Culminating event: Olympics of the Mind curriculum/athletic challenges
Thank You!

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In 2018, the Summer Dreamers Academy:

- Expanded to 4 sites (three K-5, and one 6-8)
- Served over 1,500 Campers (1,523)
- Employed 185 District staff
- Employed 43 youth workers
- Partnered with 18 community organizations who led 27 enrichment activities
SDA Statistics from 2018

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<td>African American</td>
<td>64% (975)</td>
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<td>Economically Disadvantaged</td>
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Regular attendance rate (at least 20 days attended) was 49%
  - Average attendance days: 17
  - Average daily attendance: 63%
Parent & Teacher Feedback

Parent Feedback:
• 100% agree their child enjoyed their time
• 97% agree their child tried something new
• 95% believe their child benefitted academically

Teacher Feedback:
• 98% agree that faculty and staff enjoy teaching at SDA
• 95% agree that SDA helped them to become better teachers
• 85% learned skills or techniques that will be applicable to their school year
Camper Feedback

What was your favorite part of summer?

Describe 1 thing SDA helped you get better at.
Collaboration with:
- University of Pittsburgh i3 Students
- University of Pittsburgh High School Gene Team
- Magee Women’s Hospital
- Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science

Academics:
- Curriculum aligned to state standards and PPS curricular requirements for CAS
- Real-world project-based learning
- Expert experience

Exposure to Professionals from:
- Pittsburgh Public
- UPMC Cancer Researcher
- Allegheny Health Department
- Local Photographers and Videographers

Students:
- Rising 9th graders
- 15 students totals (3W, 10B, 2H)
- 13/15 students made qualifications to enroll in CAS (3W, 9B, 1H)
- Currently enrolled: Allderdice, Brashear, Carrick, Obama, Perry, University-Prep

Expect great things.
Continued Coordination: Next Steps

• The office of Out-of-School Time exists to ensure all PPS students have access and exposure to opportunities and experiences that complement, enhance, and extend learning that occurs during the school day through a coordinated network of high quality community partners.

• During the 2018-2019 school year, the OST office will continue our service to students by operating afterschool programming at Brashear, Perry, and Faison.

• We are already in the process of planning our 2019 Summer Dreamers program!