

**Alice Deal Middle School
ADCA General Meeting
Minutes of March 20, 2019
APPROVED**

Co-presidents Maan Sacdalan and Peter Boyce called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

Minutes from January 16, 2019. The January 16, 2019 meeting minutes were available for review and approval. The Secretary, Laura Cloutier, moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Peter Boyce, co-president, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Meet the 7th Grade Principal Mr. Mitchell. Today was Mr. Mitchell's 11th day as Assistant Principal for 7th Grade. He was previously the Assistant Principal for 9th Grade at Wilson High School and has nine years of experience as an assistant principal in Philadelphia, where he is from, and DCPS.

Principal's Report. Ms. Neal began by expressing her gratitude to the ADCA, parents and faculty. She reported on four items.

- a. Hiring: last year she hired many new teachers because Deal added a new team. This year she does not anticipate needing to hire many teachers. She has been reaching out to parents from every feeder school to ensure she has a diverse hiring committee.
- b. Enrollment: expects that next year's enrollment to decline due to the large size of this year's 8th grade and the smaller size of the incoming 6th grade class. She anticipates total enrollment at or below 1,500. She added that the DC government's capital budget plan includes funding for Deal expansion in 2023. ADCA parents noted the need to advocate to ensure the money remains allocated for Deal.
- c. Overcoming Racism Workshop: taking place this Saturday, have approximately 20 parents signed up.
- d. PARCC: PARCC testing begins after spring break. Deal's motto is "here we grow" and the test provides an important tool to benchmark and measure progress. In addition, many parents and students do not understand the importance of this test, especially for 7th graders who plan to apply to School Without Walls or Banneker.

LSAT Report: Julie Chen, ADCA's LSAT representative reported on the need to advocate for Deal to DCPS. On March 29, students and parents will testify on the budget. Julie reported on DCPS's 1:1 technology initiative, which will begin by providing a device for every 6th grader starting in two years. LSAT elections will happen soon and Julie encouraged parents to consider running.

President's Report. Maan Sacdalan began by thanking the ADCA and Deal community for supporting the Deal auction - approximately \$81,000 was raised. Spring events include the mulch sale and community day on May 4. She also encouraged parents to join the ADCA executive committee and noted that elections would be held in May.

Treasurer's Report. Jenny Backus and Deidra Barksdale, co-treasurers, reported on the budget and projections. The ADCA is in a strong financial position. They reviewed the budget projections to actuals, which are available on the Deal website.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Minutes approved on MAY 22, 2019.