

Alice Deal Middle School LSAT
December 8, 2023 @ 730a, by zoom
Minutes taken by Josh Hertzberg

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Attendees:

Principal Diedre Neal

Parents:

Michael Dannenberg

Josh Hertzberg

Elizabeth Stuart (chair)

April York

Amanda Provost (ADCA)

Faculty/staff representatives:

Adam Kirschenbaum

Patricia Balestra

Britney Cuffee

Ebonee Dillard

X Stacey Gathers

Sandi Baer

Patrick Rottman

Michael Donaldson (WTU)

Raymond Cummings

Nzingha Bamayangay-Massaquoi

Meeting called to order at 07:35

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- I. Welcome and call to order (Liz)
- II. Principal's Report (Principal Neal)
 - A. Enrollment projections comments submitted
- III. Recap of summer programming from 2023 and planning for 2024 (Principal Neal)
 - Elevate & SMILE: Enough staff for 60-75 based on MOY iReady and RI assessment
 - Concern: D buses don't run in summer; reaching out to WMATA
 - LEAD: Language Enrichment program
 - For students with C or lower in Spanish to fill in gaps in knowledge rather than repeating a course.

- 2 week program
- Needs to be coordinated with other programs
- Still in initial steps
- Q: durations relative to other programs
 - LEAD is 2 (teacher avail)
 - SMAC is 4
 - RISE 3
 - SMILE 3 wk (teacher avail)
 - ELAVATE 3 wk (teacher avail)
 - Generally driven by availability of teachers; would love to have more
 - Why is it fair to resource acceleration program (SMAC) longer than catch-up programs?
 - Demand for programs is an issue; Donaldson expects high demand for LEAD. Also consider focusing on high school credit class success (summer between 6-7 and 7-8 grades)
 - Principal Neal will work with teachers on interest / availability and capacity to run with other programs
 - Rottman: 3 weeks is an ideal duration for ELAVATE - teaches the curriculum desired, balances teacher availability, student demand (consider time off, camps)
- Q: what is the data on results from 2023 SMILE
 - (sent by email as follow up)

IV. Updates / initiatives

- A. Green Ribbon school designation process (April York)
 - Reaching out to start application process, difficulty getting traction over holidays; deadline coming up
 - Will follow up with Principal Neal on whether to pursue this year vs. defer to next year
- B. Blue Ribbon school designation process (Michael Dannenberg)
 - (not discussed)

V. Reports

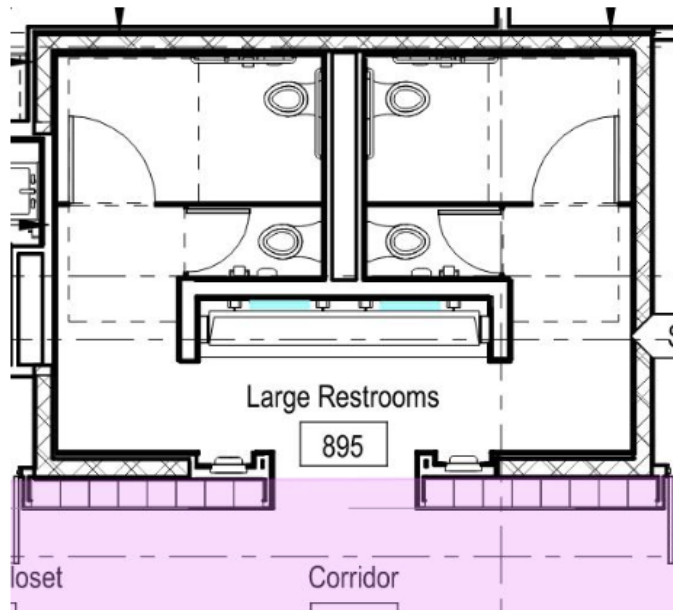
- A. W3EdNet Report (Liz)
 - a. Useful conversation with Councilmember Henderson at previous meeting
- B. ADCA Report (Amanda)
 - Campaign for matching funds for donations
 - Working on employer matching
 - Probably will need spring fundraising again to cover summer programming
 - Deal Ice Skating night coming up
 - International night January 20th
 - Hosts can bring food from home
 - Will start thinking about Dealapalooza
- C. WTU Report (Mr. Donaldson)

- Chancellor is responding to contract proposals
- Next Tuesday discussion on contract
- Important because contract affects budget

D. SIT update

- Construction going well
- Covered walkway converted to interior corridor
- Affects a couple of tables in corridor; will move a couple of tables to gallery
- Field replacement - will be offline for 11 days at the end of the school year
- Options: recess at fort reno or front of school
- New ed spec for school bathrooms: trough style sink outside of the bathrooms that is not gender specific; Ms. Neal: that's not good for middle school students; better for elementary - example middle school girls with periods may want more privacy
- Option (not preferred): putting a partition wall in the single sink
- Option (better): two sinks divided by a wall, would require wider doorway from hall
- Option (best): completely private - separate entrances with a door to the sink for full privacy
- Note: this applies to high schools as well
- We will have focused LSAT initiative to push back on this (Provost, Balestra, Stuart, Neal, Donaldson, Hertzberg) - Hertzberg will email bullets and path to push

Ed spec for bathrooms:



E. Student behavior management committee (Mr. Donaldson)

- Ward 5 Councilmember Parker is joining upcoming committee meeting (upcoming Wednesday)
- Going over data - trying to get ahead of expected spring wave of behavior issues

V. New/Other business

A. Elias Benda join January meeting? Reschedule January meeting to 1/12?

No objections

B. April York question re: dress code, pajamas

- Will follow up with Principal Neal - there's a process
- Important that this is parent-driven, not seen as teacher-driven. Teachers are supportive but don't feel like it's something that can/should be teacher driven.
- Past: was a year-long process with students, families, external help
- Concerns for gender equity / bias
- Are there ways to get feelers for whether it's palatable? Focus groups?
- April York will lead the way (interested also: Massaquoi)
- Teachers feel like they can't say something, parents/students feel entitled to do what they want - will result in blowback
- Implementation will also be difficult

Meeting adjourned at 0830

Next meeting: Friday January 12, 7:30am [Note: Liz has a conflict with regular 1st Friday date and time]

Future agenda items:

- Budget priorities
- Supports for Tier 1, 2, and 3 supports for world language