

Alice Deal Middle School LSAT
February 2, 2024 @ 730a, by zoom
Minutes taken by Josh Hertzberg

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Attendees:

Principal Diedre Neal

Parents:

[absent] Michael Dannenberg

Josh Hertzberg

Elizabeth Stuart (chair)

April York

Amanda Provost (ADCA)

Faculty/staff representatives:

Adam Kirschenbaum

Patricia Balestra

Britney Cuffee

Ebonee Dillard

Stacey Gathers

Sandi Baer

[absent?] Patrick Rottman

Michael Donaldson (WTU)

Raymond Cummings

Nzingha Bamayangay-Massaquoi

Meeting called to order at 7:35am

- I. Welcome and call to order (Liz)
- II. Principal's Report (Principal Neal)
 - Timing of MOY testing - currently going on now, data coming in will be analyzed; plan to present data after we come through budget
 - STAR school rating system gone; new rating system coming in, can be the topic of a future briefing
- III. Update on summer program planning for 2024 (Principal Neal)
 - World Language (LEAD), Ms. Baer
 - For rising 6 & 7 in levels 1&2 language class that need some help; goal is to prevent summer slide
 - 2 weeks, starting 7/22, Ms. Henderson and Ms. Gonzalez will support
 - Will soon start to recruit students for it, will reach out to their families

- Goal is 15 students per teacher / 30 total
- ELAVATE and SMILE as same number of days as SMAC will need \$57K or \$49K if we run them shorter than SMAC
- Currently, subs are enough for teachers; hoping for \$20K available from school budget for summer programming

IV. Budget priorities for Deal and plans for budget season

- No word on the DCPS budget; normally have it or at least mention of it
- Additional funds that Mendelson arranged have not been loaded (for any school); affecting spend plans. WTU has reached out to CM Frumin's office for help anticipating this
- Liz Stuart will press this issue with Frumin's office for the LSAT
- Once we get the budget, can plan additional meetings
- Q: DC Out of School Time Grants - worth looking into? 21st century community learning center grant might be possible. But since we're not Title 1 it's less likely we qualify for others. Liz Stuart will connect with Amanda Provost for feasibility

V. Reports

A. W3EdNet Report (Liz)

- No significant issues, CM Mendelson coming to next meeting

B. ADCA Report (Ms. Provost):

- Fundraising environment is tight
- International night: \$13K
- Planning a straight ask to community for international trip scholarships
- Dealapalooza is being planned with a variety of events
- Do More 24 planned for the spring to support summer programming
- Appreciation weeks coming up

C. WTU Report (Mr. Donaldson)

- No contract still, >100 days; got support from Ward 3 democrats
- DCPS only willing to meet before 5pm, which would pull from classroom availability) - offered to meet at 5am
- Late March will work on political endorsements

D. SIT update (Principal Neal, Mr. Hertzberg)

- No significant updates; looking at suitability of the field

E. Student behavior management committee (Mr. Donaldson)

- How to manage student altercations, fights. Consensus: don't just send them back to class, teachers should be aware of what happened
- Warmer weather tends to correlate with behavior issues
- Q: can we revisit question on dress code policy? Idea isn't to be overbearing, but avoid inappropriate clothing choices that are observed at school.

- Last time this was a ~year long process
- Better to find a neutral party to run the process, gather feedback, separate committee / working group
- Women's law center may be a good starting point
- What are some examples of inappropriate clothing? Pajama pants
- If we approach this, it must be strategically to avoid people making it to be something it isn't in the absence of information
- April York will look into dress code policies from other schools / districts
- DCPS has dress code guidance

V. New/Other business : None

Meeting adjourned at 8:07am

Next meeting: Friday March 1, 7:30am [and likely a budget meeting or two before then]

Future agenda items:

- Dress code (March update)
- Supports for Tier 1, 2, and 3 supports for world language