

Alice Deal Middle School LSAT
November 4 2022 @ 730a MINUTES
Taken by Joshua Hertzberg

Attendees:

Principal Diedre Neal

Parents:

Michael Dannenberg

Josh Hertzberg

Neha Misra (ADCA liaison)

Elizabeth Stuart (co-parent chair)

Gwendolyn Washington (co-parent chair)

Michael Dannenberg

Faculty/staff representatives:

Sandi Baer

Roslyn Baxter

Raymond Cummings

Michael Donaldson

Stacey Gathers

Michael Haller (WTU building rep)

Adam Kirschenbaum

Patrick Rottman

Nzinga Massaquoi

Britney Cuffee

Ebonee Dillard

Meeting called to order at 7:30am

I. Adoption of the Minutes for October 2022 Meeting: Approved

II. Announcements

- LSAT webpage live: <https://www.alicedealmiddleschool.org/lsat>
- Do we want a "contact the LSAT" email address on that page?
 - Parents were in favor of; AliceDealLSAT@gmail.com email address now set up, and with a "contact us" form on the LSAT page.

III. Principal's Report (Principal Neal)

- Expect enrollment projections 11/14
 - Open question about when they are due back; may be around 12/2

- Get some data from DCPS, but we can check it & potential trends (e.g., private schools)
- Elizabeth Stuart: offer for parents to support with data analysis: looking at data from feeder schools, special ed students, ELL students - **open item for parents to help with data collection and analysis**
- Question: what if we end up enrolled beyond projection? In the past if there were teacher surpluses we might get another teacher, but currently doesn't seem to happen
- Question about how to improve **student retention; should it be added to Comprehensive School Plan as a goal - will consider**
- Michael Dannenberg: request for 2021-2022 school year Deal PARCC data broken down by grade and subgroup. Previously supplied data only covers through 2019. – Ms. Neal will send
- 4 vacancies: Math 6th, Math 7th, Science, and Special Education - currently covered by other teachers because under-enrolled
 - Students moved to other math / science teachers... class size ~25 - 28; teachers are getting max “admin premium”
 - For special ed, interviewing now; Ms. Gathers has been covering in the interim - no overdue IEP meetings
 - Q: re DCPS central office supporting, e.g., sending subs? A: currently none
- Panorama survey from students; will extend to parents / teachers later
- Spirit week went well
- Patrick Rottman update
 - International trips for 8th grade are back on
 - Spanish: Costa Rica; Spanish Humanities: Guatemala; French: France; Chinese: Thailand
 - Family funded - try for scholarships (\$47K in scholarships in the past - about half of that this year) to support; **open item for the ADCA** re: fundraising
 - Idea for fundraising, offer from Michael Haller: Dancing with the Teachers?
 - Costs for trips per student
 - Costa Rica: \$2,500
 - Guatemala similar
 - France: \$3,500
 - Thailand: \$4,000+

IV. Legislative Advocacy

- Teacher Retention hearing:
 - Didn't have live testimony
 - Written testimony submitted
- November 16 (6-8pm) budget hearing (register by 11/14)

- Some representation expected from this LSAT; 11/12 update: Liz Stuart has signed up to testify

V. LSAT Representative Reports

- W3EdNet Report (Liz)
 - Next meeting is Wednesday next week at 7pm; topic is school planning / master facilities plan, MacArthur Blvd School, Foxhall
- ADCA Report (Angie and Neha)
 - Deal Gives Back Food Drive, signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449a8ac23a2fd0-deal3>
- WTU Report (Mr. Haller, Mr. Donaldson)
 - Teacher contract in arbitration - waiting 2-3 weeks for decision; no opportunity for WTU to vote on it
 - Had event in Tenleytown and by Anacostia station; was a walk before work, not a walk-out
 - Contract affects teacher morals; appreciate hospitality committee work on teacher morale
 - WTU Still pressuring the Mayor to have a contract signed
 - Offer from ADCA - what can we do to help teachers?

VI. New Business

- Question about what strategic focus for Deal LSAT should be in the future - where can we have the most impact?
- Let's plan some dedicated time for strategic planning - maybe the next LSAT meeting?
- Question regarding data for 21-22 school year (previous info said 21-22, but data only went to 2019); **Ms. Neal will address**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 am.