

Alice Deal Middle School LSAT  
October 14 2022 @ 730a MINUTES  
Taken by Ms. Elizabeth Stuart

Principal Diedre Neal

Parents:

Michael Dannenberg

Josh Hertzberg

Neha Misra (ADCA liaison)

Elizabeth Stuart (co-parent chair)

Angela van Croft (ADCA liaison)

Gwendolyn Washington (co-parent chair)

Faculty/staff representatives:

Sandi Baer

Raymond Cummings

Michael Donaldson

Stacey Gathers

Michael Haller (WTU building rep)

Adam Kirschenbaum

Patrick Rottman

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35am
2. Stuart and Washington voted to adopt minutes; April 2022 minutes adopted.
3. Introductions
4. Principal's Report
  - a. Priorities:
    - i. Nurse on site every day
    - ii. Budget challenges especially as new budget year goes along
  - b. Update
    - i. August and September were a strong start; maintenance during the marathon school year will be key moving forward
    - ii. Working on logistics, norms of behavior
    - iii. Staffing
      1. Had been fully staffed 1 week before school started but then lost 1 science and 2 math teachers. Have spread those kids out across other classrooms. (8th grade social worker also on maternity leave). Also looking for a psychologist.
      2. Currently 100 kids below enrollment plan

- iv. PARCC scores and progress reports going out today
  - v. Looking for ways to add joy for teachers and students
  - vi. Q from Mr. Donaldson: What is the status of the Comprehensive School Plan? [Will be shared with the full LSAT.]
  - vii. Q from Ms. Washington: Discussion of school budgets for large schools. What is the status of positions, substitutes, etc.? [Response: Working on it; will be good angle for advocacy.]
  - viii. Q from Ms. Stuart: Should parents help with OSSE grant program on tutoring or with upcoming hearing on staffing? [Response: Yes! But turns out schools cannot apply on their own.]
  - ix. Q from Mr. Donaldson: What are implications for needing to use school admin premium costs to cover classes for unfilled positions. [Response: Another important issue for advocacy].
5. W3EdNet update
- a. Update on recent meetings, including State Board of Education candidate forum.
  - b. Ms. Stuart will continue to keep the Deal LSAT up to date and to help ensure Deal is represented on W3EdNet meetings.
6. ADCA update
- a. Ms. van Croft and Ms. Misra will serve as ADCA-LSAT liaisons.
7. WTU update (Mr. Donaldson)
- a. Concerns about expired contract (since 2019)
  - b. Looking for partnering around advocacy for teachers, push for negotiations for a long-term contract
8. Other business
- a. Q from Mr. Dannenberg: Who does data analyses of PARCC scores for Deal? [Response: Mostly in house, especially related to special ed, PARCC scores, etc.]

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 am.