**Alice Deal Middle School**

**ADCA General Meeting (via Zoom)**

**Minutes of January 11, 2023**

**7:30 pm**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm

**Welcome** – Shannon Behm welcomed everyone to the third ADCA General Meeting of SY22-23

Principal Neal: Welcomed Principal McCray, new neighbor and colleague

**Introduction of MacArthur High School Principal McCray:**

August of 2023 opening. He brought some colleagues to join to help share inform

18 years experience, started in PG County, served in DCPS 4 years

Has lead both elementary and high schools

Philadelphia native; has a wife and two daughters

Philosophy: all students can achieve and as educators has a responsibility to provide a high-quality education. ALL students have access to high expectations, AP classes, Academies.

Join us this Saturday for a virtual open house where he will dig deep.

Mission is to cultivate the next generation of leaders.

Vision is to be the premier high school

Minutes Approval: Annie

December Meeting minutes were approved.

**Principal’s Update** – Principal Neal. Biggest initiative is donating gloves to Franklin Park this Sunday. Greater DC initiative. Started feeder school chats. Went to Bancroft this week. All feeder schools will have virtual open houses. Everyone needs to help in enrollment. We have 1400 families, and we need everyone to enroll. Kids should bring in new/slightly used adult gloves.

**DEI Update: Kimberly**

Annual Peace Parade that the city is leading.

Newsletter will come out.

Media club too. Constantly looking for diverse voices.

**LSAT Update**: Michael Dannenberg

1406 projections for enrollment

200 9th graders and transfer preference for the next two years

Deal has a teacher shortage; a special ed teacher has been hired.

A Science teacher has been hired and slated to begin this year.

School Psychologist is open and a few math roles

Re: budget, we will be meeting soon with Frumin and Goulet to discuss the 23-24 budget

Key highlights: Kids in schools across the city need more to recover from the effects of covid both academically and socially especially those already at risk.

All DCPS and Charter schools need transparency and efficiency when it comes to funding.

There is a thought that larger schools like Deal and Jackson-Reed have been under funded

Have kids participate in Friday clean-up crew as a janitor is going out on FMLA

Lots of discussion around the fundraising goals for schools and ADCA and we should hone in on the need for supplemental services like high dosage tutoring; which has been proven successful.

PARCC scores are worse among at risk students; 45% of Deal enrollment is Black or Latino

Potential opportunity for the DEI committee to help get kids up to grade level. LSAT and DEI Committee will connect to continue the conversation.

These are budget priorities for the DCPS budget and hopefully ADCA can help.

Next meeting is February 14.

Deal is not deemed a specialized school. We are an IB school. We have to have a certain number of foreign language teachers, which is more expensive.

Best argument for Deal funding from the city is for there to be overall sufficient funding across the city for overall need.

**Treasurer/Budget Update**: Jon Gilbert

Happy to report we have added Randy Huggins as Co-Treasurer.

We met our general donation goal of $120K to close out the year.

Campaign is over, and we will continue to raise money.

As of 12/31/22, bank balance of $92K

We have a minimum estimated expenses for the rest of the year of $168K, which includes theatre: supplies for March, sports, teacher appreciation, summer program and other admin expense. We have $80K of fundraising activities.

Goal is to leave a balance of $3K, which puts us at 1% of our spend.

Goal is to spend what we raise in any given year.

Starting 2023-2024 fiscal budgeting process, which will be reviewed and approved by the ADCA board.

Question: What is the plan B if we don’t raise the $80K?

We’re in a good position; nothing has been identified at this point to not do.

Every month that goes by, we will update.

It’s an ongoing conversation.

Shannon said we will continue to message out to the community. We’ll know by end of February how we are doing toward that goal of $30K

Next year we are going to shift.

**March Community Palooza Update: Lauren Okonkwo**

Spearheading the logistics of the Deal Community Palooza

For the month of March, series of events to build community and raise money.

This is in lieu of the auction. Instead of spending the money on the auction, this is straight revenue.

We are asking parents to host an event, cover all the costs for the event.

Ideas: book club, art class, BBQ, something athletic/sports clinic, movie night.

These events could take place at your home, at Deal, or a venue in our community

March 18 and 25 we will use Deal.

These events will take place on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays.

We will do an outreach to teachers and coaches.

Ticket sales start 2/17.

Principal Deal Closing out:

Addressing the broken projectors.

DCPS has a formula for per pupil.

Deal has one of the lower amounts for per pupil.

Historically the ADCA fills the gaps for projectors and things.

Currently, with our DCPS budget and the ADCA budget, it’s taking some time.

Whey are Jackson-Reed and Deal underfunded?

It’s a challenging question.

Sometimes equity gets blurry and making sure everyone gets what they need.

Struggle is how does DCPS fund large schools, which is the question to ask.

Part of the issue is comprehensive school model; as schools got bigger, fixed costs get spread out—one librarian is different at a small school v. large school.

There is a fallacy in the city that Deal has so much money.

Connie Pataslos is our ADCA teacher liaison.

Amazon wish lists are amazing for teachers.

IT makes the teachers feel close to the ADCA.

What about morning intake?

If you drop your kids to school at 8:20, they wait in line and don’t get in until 9am and are tardy.

In order to open another door, we would need more security officers and another weapons abatement

You’re penalized that you can’t get in.

The kids cutting the line is a big problem.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm