

**Alice Deal Middle School
Local School Advisory Team (LSAT)**

**December 12, 2014
Minutes**

In attendance: Veronica Abrams, Jim Albright, Michael Gueltig, Karen Harris, Adam Kirschenbaum, Diedre Neal, Karin Perkins, Chris Rhoads, Patrick Rottman, Alieze Stallworth, Tim Stroud, Jim Sweeney, Tilney Wickersham

Chair Karin Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:34 am.

I. Consent Items

Minutes from the September and October 2014 meetings were approved.

II. Enrollment Projections, Impact of Student Assignment/Boundary Policy

Mr. Albright reported that current enrollment is 1,315 students. Taking into account the newly completed addition, Deal's ideal enrollment is 1,300 students. DCPS has projected that Deal's enrollment in SY2015-16 will be 1,332.

The group discussed the fact that the new student assignment and boundary plan does not effectively address continued growth in Deal's enrollment, especially in light of increasingly large class sizes in the pipeline from feeder elementary schools. The staff shared their concerns about the impacts of continued enrollment growth on the school's culture, safety and academic and other programming. The LSAT will explore ways to engage DCPS about these concerns, keeping a sharp focus on what is the right thing for Deal students. LSAT members affirmed that an inclusive approach based on all of Deal's students and families is critical.

III. Comprehensive School Plan and Budget Timeline

Mr. Albright described DCPS's timelines for preparation of the school's annual budget and comprehensive school plan (CSP). The annual budget is prepared the spring before the relevant school year (e.g. in Spring 2015 for School Year 2015-16), while the comprehensive school plan, which sets out annual academic and other performance targets, is completed in the fall of the school year in question (e.g. in Fall 2015 for SY15-16). Thus, each year, schools must submit a budget – with implications for staffing and other resource allocations – based on performance targets that have not yet been identified. This year, Mr. Albright would like the LSAT to begin discussing the SY15-16 CSP before the budget process, in an effort to improve the school's planning cycle. The LSAT agreed to discuss the SY15-16 CSP beginning in January or February 2015.

IV. IB Assessment

Mr. Albright noted that Deal's academic leadership team would be meeting in the coming days to discuss the roll-out of the IB assessment system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2015