

# LSAT Meeting

September 15, 2017 at 7:30am

Approved Meeting Minutes

## In Attendance

Diedre Neal (Interim Principal)  
Arielle Alphonse  
Julie Chen (ADCA representative)  
Elyse Lerum  
Britney Cuffy  
Tracy Scarrow (Secretary, parent representative)  
Karissa Kovner (parent representative)  
Kari Brandt  
Michael Moss  
Maurine Westover  
Alieze Stallworth  
Mickelle Rodriguez (ADCA representative)  
Patrick Rottman

## Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order. As a first order of business, Karissa Kovner presented the draft minutes from June. Kovner made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded. Michael Koppenheffer was elected as the Chair of the LSAT and Tracy Scarrow as the Secretary for the SY 2017-2018.

## Principal Report

Principal Neal reported that she had three areas of focus for the upcoming school year: 1) Culture and Climate (such as what it means to be an IB student at Deal); 2) Teaching and Learning (focusing on IB and the differentiation amongst students); and 3) Equity and Access (celebrating diversity and taking steps such as adding Spanish interpreters to Back to School Night).

## Enrollment and Capacity Issues

The enrollment projection for SY 2017-2018 had been 1532. As of the date of the meeting, there were 1479 students enrolled so Deal did not meet the enrollment projections. With an under-enrollment of 60 students, and the school receiving \$10,000 per student, the school could face a budget loss of \$600,000. Principal Neal thought that the projections were a little high and attributed the decline to elementary schools simply rolling over their current students to Deal without actually knowing whether they were attending Deal and also to things such as International moves. Ms. Baxter will examine the current enrollment to see which elementary schools the enrolled students came from.

## Physical Space

Deal will run out of space for the students in SY 2018-2019 and so it is necessary to begin the dialog about getting new double decker trailers to replace the current trailers.

## Nursing Issue

Principal Neal reported that the school nurse is only at Deal four days a week (she does not come on Tuesdays) and that is problem. There are three other staff members at school who are certified to administer medication but a tremendous amount of their time and that of the welcome center staff is taken up with medical issues when the nurse is absent and on lunch break. Kari Brandt noted that she would ask staff who deal with medical issues to keep track of the number of students they "treat" and the amount of time spent. Tracy Scarrow reported that the DC Committee on Health, made up of Councilmembers Cheh, Gray, Nadeau, Todd, and Grosso are holding a hearing on October 5, 2017, to mark up the Public School Health Services

Amendment Act of 2017, which requires 40 hours of licensed school nursing coverage per week. The LSAT will draft a letter to send to the Committee.

### **Other Possible LSAT Priorities**

The Ward 3 Education Network suggested that LSATs take a more forward approach to the budgets and start creating a school budget for SY 2018-2019 now instead of waiting. This can be a priority for the upcoming year. Principal Neal also reported that an extra crossing guard is needed at Howard Road.

### **Overcrowding Working Group**

Karissa Kovner reported that the Chancellor's Community Working Group to address the overcrowding issues facing the schools in the Wilson Feeder Pattern continues to meet. That process includes one parent representative from each of the schools in the feeder pattern as well as the principal of those schools. Schools are still trying to resolve the many assumptions made by DCPS about physical space and enrollment capacity were questioned by practically every school representative in the feeder pattern. It was suggested at the meeting that Principal Neal and Patrick Davis walk the Deal space to determine what the true capacity is from Deal's perspective. DCPS is expected to present additional data at the next meeting and to address some of the concerns expressed by the working group. The next meeting will be held in October with the goal of working group members presenting "solutions" in November. The Deal community needs to determine which "solutions" it would like to put forth for the Working Group to consider.

### **Meeting Schedule for SY2017-2018**

October 6, 2017

November 17, 2017

December 8, 2017

January 5, 2018

February 9, 2018

March 9, 2018

April 6, 2018

May 4, 2018

June 1, 2018

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Scarrow

October 2, 2017