

Miner Elementary School LSAT Minutes

18 Dec 2018 Meeting

LSAT members	Parents:	*Tammy Alexander *Hill Thomas *Sara Saxton *David Treat *Julie Muir (PTO rep)	Teachers:	*Shamayne Coles *Kamilah Thorne *Mr. Robinson *Ms. Unger *Tiffany Brown (WTU rep)
	Community rep(s):	*Kathleen Jackson	Staff:	Ms. Stapleton
(*) - present				

Logistics

- The committee agreed to continue consideration of additional LSAT membership from upper grade parents or the broader Miner community.

Updates from Principal Jackson

- SY 2018-19 Budget/Hiring - A new Kindergarten teacher has been hired to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Ms. Betts. The new teacher will start this winter.
- Community school grant - A needs assessment will be done to help guide the priorities of the new community school coordinator.
- Technology - Several old computers have been replaced with new computers donated by the PTO.
- K-5 Playground - It is still possible that the new playground will be finished by October. Venders are being finalized. If construction begins before the end of this school year, or stretches into next school year, the school will consider options that leave the old playground accessible during construction.

SY2019-20 budget and related planning

- STAR rating - The school received “3 stars” rating under the new DCPS school rating system. Continued PARC growth and proficiency account for Miner’s main opportunities for improvement.
- Enrollment projection update - DCPS has released a new enrollment projection for Miner. The new projection is 372 students, above the original projection of 346. It’s possible that the new projection will result in a budget increase. It’s also possible that the growth may require new homerooms or new specials. The LSAT agreed that it is a priority to fight to maintain enrollment.
- Budget Timeline

1/8, 1/9, 1/15 LSAT and school budget roundtables
 Early - Mid Jan. Draft Initial Budget Allocations approved by Council/Mayor
 Continued LSAT engagement with principal – review CSP and MOY data to prepare for budget investments
 2/4 Budget Guide Released
 Week of 2/4 Initial school budget allocations released
 LSAT engagement with school leaders
 2/15 School budgets submitted
 2/22 LSAT Chair sign-off due in QuickBase

- Priorities - The committee brainstormed an initial list of priorities for consideration during the SY2019-2020 budget formulation process. Those possible priorities include:
 - The possible addition of new homerooms to accommodate growing class sizes.
 - Continue the restorative justice program which teachers and administration report is yielding good results.
 - Add new special classes
 - Invite a “City Year” contingent (an AmeriCorps related program) to provide support for teachers.
 - Keep the math intervention curriculum.

Other items

- Councilmember Charles Allen is drafting a letter to the new Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) asking that the Old Miner Building not be given away. The LSAT discussed the possibility that the building could accommodate a community-wide ECE program.
- Several LSATs from nearby schools are considering creating a new multi-school LSAT online forum to share ideas and LSAT wisdom.
- Julie Muir gave a brief PTO update.

NEXT MEETING: January 15, 5:00 – 6:30 pm