Miner Elementary School LSAT Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2019

Attendees: Tammy Alexander, Hill Thomas, Sara Saxton, David Treat, Julie Muir, Shamayne Coles, Kamilah Thorne, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Unger, Ms. Stapleton

Updates from Principal Jackson

- Comprehensive School Plan - Principal Jackson reports that literacy data looks particularly good, as well as attendance. The school needs to continue to focus on improving on-time arrival of students.
- Staff Openings – Principal Jackson has hired a new Kindergarten teacher. In addition, a new ECE para-professional has accepted an offer and should start in the coming weeks. The 5th grade math position remains open, although the spot is being filled temporarily by a long-term substitute who is doing well.
- Technology – The central office will be doing a technology inventory in the coming weeks.

Budget

- In anticipation of next month’s budget release, Principal Jackson reviewed some highlights of last year’s budget. He also previewed some of the anticipated challenges expected for the upcoming SY2019-2020 budget, including new positions which will be required by DCPS.
- The LSAT discussed which priorities should be funded if the budget is in surplus and which priorities might have to be cut if there is a deficit.
- Principal Jackson shared some of the feedback on budget priorities from an informal survey of Miner staff.
- The February 12 meeting is expected to be a long meeting where the LSAT reviews every budget line item.

Other Items

- Old Miner – The LSAT discussed whether it should advocate for a specific use option for the old Miner building.
- Multi-School LSAT Forum – A new Google Group has formed to share ideas and concerns among local schools. The forum is open to LSAT parents and teachers. Anyone who would like to participate should contact Tammy Alexander.