

Miner Elementary School LSAT – Meeting Minutes
21 May 2019

LSAT members	<p>Parents: x-Tammy Alexander (co-chair) x-Hill Thomas (secretary) x-Sara Saxton x-David Treat x-Julie Muir (PTO rep)</p> <p>Community rep(s): Kathleen Jackson x- present</p>	<p>Teachers: x-Shamayne Coles (co-chair) x-Kamilah Thorne x-Mr. Robinson x-Ms. Unger x-Tiffany Brown (WTU rep)</p> <p>Staff: x-Principal, Jackson Ms. Stapleton</p>
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Updates – from Principal Jackson

- **CSP** (Comprehensive School plan)
 - Going into evaluation phase; Will consider evaluation when developing next year’s plan; LSAT will also get some data from evaluation probably in June
- **Testing**
 - PARCC testing almost done (this week), EOY testing in works
- **Playground**
 - Received parent (small group) and teacher input, await next phase; parents will give input in next phase.
- **Summer:** Miner will host camps and possibly be a DC free lunch site
 - One more classroom will be used, Edgewood/Brookland camp
 - No official word on free lunch site. School cafeteria providing lunch for DPR camps.

SY2019-20 – from Principal Jackson

- **Enrollment:** Recruitment and retention
 - 69.6% enrollment (varies pretty significantly grade to grade)
 - Next benchmark is 85% by June 1
 - Current 2nd grade is 91%
 - Lowest is 4th and 5th grade: near 50%
 - Kindergarten (current PK4) also low (48%) – but K will also likely get new students from neighborhood
 - 1st to 2nd at 84%
- **Departmentalization plans**
 - 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade: 2 teams of ELA/math. Effectively creating a 3-year loop for the teams. One science teacher, one social studies teachers (shared between two teams). New schedule guide: 30 minutes per day of both science and social studies. New Miner schedule: 45 minutes.
 - 2nd grade will remain the same (math/science + ELA/social studies) – with caveat that it will be enforced in different ways to ensure students are getting science and social studies.
 - 1st will go back to self-contained

- Teachers: opens up opportunities for horizontal and vertical collaboration – within team, across cohort, across grade levels. Will help with differentiation. Looping has shown to have very positive benefits – for students and teachers. Relationships already built with students and families.
- Some teacher apprehension with teaching across multiple grades.
- **Staff openings / hiring for next year**
 - *New: 2 paras, ECE + aide, SPED + aide, PE, CSL*
 - Have hired 2 people – K-5 teacher, K-5 para
 - 3 open K-5 spots (one long-term sub, one leaving at end of year, another not returning)
 - Hiring fair tomorrow, should get more resumes then
- **Before/after school programs**
 - PAL will remain after school provider
 - Trying to find a program that takes vouchers; looking at one program that's about half the cost of Springboard (Springboard is \$500/month for before and after for one student).
 - Looking at additional after school provider for 25 families – would be free to Title 1 families. Families would be required to attend some events. Title 1: Families receiving assistance (such as TANF/SNAP). Dept. of Ed formula.
- **Community school updates**
 - Ms. Woodson out on maternity leave. Her main focus has been on after school programs. Will be another dental clinic in September. Concerns about cost for Step Afrika. May do a performance but not club/activity.
 - Kindred groups – has hosted a productive dialogue on race among parents and school stakeholders over the past 10 weeks. Will likely expand next year.
- **Technology**
 - *New DCPS requirements – what is our deficit?*
 - 1:1 for 3rd
 - 3:1 for 4th and 5th
 - No timeline from DCPS – other than asking schools to make sure all machines are in database by the time school ends this year.

Advocacy

- **Old Miner building:** Letter, updates
 - Tammy will have a draft letter for the June meeting from the LSAT advocating for Miner's needs in redevelopment of old Miner

LSAT elections for SY2019-20

- **New LSAT takes effect July 1**
- **Parents:** Ballots home May 29 | Elections close June 3 | Results @ June 4 PTO mtg
 - 6 candidates
 - Julie will invite new parents to attend June meeting
- **Teachers:** Voted May 6 | **Staff:** Before June LSAT meeting
 - WTU building rep: Ms. Luttmer
 - Ms. Coles will remind new teachers to come to June meeting
 - Mr. Jackson will remind new staff person to come

PTO Check-In

- Art show May 30 – evening

- Field Day – June 11!

NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday* June 12, 5:00 - 6:30 pm