

Miner Elementary School LSAT
LSAT Meetings: March 16, 2021 - 5:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

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The meeting came to order at 5:01pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Introductions:

The following members were present:

- Parent Representatives
 - Marissa Gunn (K parent)
 - David Treat (3rd and K parent)
 - Bernadette Wittschen (2nd and PK4 parent) – Co-Chair
- Parent Organization Representative – Julie Muir (1st and PK4 parent)
- Teacher Representatives
 - Ms. Coles (Instructional Coach)
 - Ms. Halley (3-5 SPED)
 - Ms. Hillenbrand (5th)
 - Mr. Yoho (K) – Co-Chair
- WTU Representative – Mr. Martin (2nd)
- Community Representatives
 - Josh Gillerman

Reopening Update:

- Reopen Community Corps (RCC) met last night to discuss summer planning
- Surveys re: summer programming will go out to staff and families this week
- Asymptomatic testing has changed – it will be a randomly selected group of students tested by the school nurse
- Mayor’s change to class cap size won’t enable us to open for more students in the classrooms that are currently open because the 6 foot distance requirement remains

Budget Review:

- Petition for intervention teacher was granted, opening up additional funding
- SPED budget will remain as planned
- We will be able to hire a STEM teacher
- We will have a Library/Media Aide whose role will be firmly based in the library (and will be able to attend trainings similar to those of a librarian)
- We will have 2 clerks, one of whom will focus entirely on attendance (which will help free up the Social Workers’ work load)
- Final budget is in line with what LSAT discussed
- The budget has been discussed with staff whose positions were cut or modified
- The budget will be shared publicly at the Admin/Family Townhall on March 25

Summer Recovery Ideas:

- RCC met last night to discuss summer planning
- \$306K was budgeted for “acceleration” and DCPS suggests using about 25% (around \$75K) for “summer acceleration” for students farthest from opportunity
- Staff cannot be compelled to work during the acceleration program (must be voluntary) so a staff survey is going out this week to gauge interest
- Survey will also go out to families re: term 4 learning and summer acceleration
- Programming can vary by grade level
- Possibility of partnerships with the remaining acceleration money for additional classroom aides during the school year
- Considering using acceleration funds for an augmented Literacy Lab partnership to provide additional tutors

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School-Wide Testing Update:

- OSSE has submitted a waiver to the Department of Education to cancel PARCC testing
- We are currently waiting for a response but operating under the presumption that testing will be cancelled

PTO Update:

- PPE fundraiser for in-person staff is ongoing
- Fundraiser with The Capital Candy Jar March 27 and 28
- LSAT and PTO elections will be held electronically in the Spring (will kick off at the end of April)

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, April 20 at 5pm
- Principal Jackson will not attend; AP Lee will attend on his behalf

Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.