

Miner Elementary School  
LSAT Meeting 01/21/2025

<b>SY 24-25 LSAT</b>	<u>Parents:</u> Jeff Giertz (1 <sup>st</sup> and PK3) Nick Kushner (1 <sup>st</sup> and PK3) LaToya McCarthy (4 <sup>th</sup> ) Julie Muir (5 <sup>th</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , K)	<u>Teachers:</u> Mr. Kolanje Alexander (Math Coach) Mr. Jason Yoho (K Educator)
	<u>PTO Rep:</u> Brandon Scott (4 <sup>th</sup> )	<u>WTU Rep:</u> Ms. Deanna Dykes (Performing Arts)
	<u>Community Rep:</u> TBD	<u>Staff Rep:</u> TBD

*Meeting was held virtually and began at 5:35pm*

1) Introductions

- LSAT Members present: Mr. Yoho, Mr. Alexander, Julie Muir, Jeff Giertz, Nick Kushner

2) Finalize membership

a) Community Representative

- Shalisa Richardson nominated and approved as community representative

b) Staff Representative

- Dr. B will try to have staff rep secured by February meeting

3) Principal's Report

a) Comprehensive School Plan

- Dr. B shared slide deck she shared at staff professional development day on 1/17
- Kids have accomplished sense of self
- Lots of conversations around community building with kids, how they are treating one another
- Focusing on attendance – still not great
  - Have had some under 80% days
  - Chronic absenteeism we're working on
  - Pushing hard through intervention
  - Sock hop- now through 2/13
  - Attendance is now top priority
  - Amazing things happening in rooms- need kids in the rooms
- Black history month committee – citywide curriculum through black lives matter curriculum – first week of Feb (week of action)
- Auditions coming next week for Beauty and the Beast

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- Shortest distance curriculum K-5 – same morning meeting social-emotional lesson/theme
- Third cycle of social emotional learning groups
- Social worker in the hiring process now- plan for new social worker to start in February- have interim now
- Right in the thick of middle of the year assessments- MOY data next to comp school plan next time we meet
- Kids making huge amount of progress
- Some kids who have already surpassed EOY goals and even stretch goals
- Younger grades are doing DIBBLES
- Data day for staff next Monday
- Focus to get more books in students hands – decodable books
- Book fair coming Feb 18-24
- How are we engaging families more? Where can we see more of this?
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade swimming? May be ready to start back up
- Two open house events scheduled – Feb 8 and March 1 at 10am -11
- Ed Fest was really successful – lots of traffic, lots of positive feedback
- Pre-k 4 fashion show and open house was really successful earlier this year

b) Enrollment Projections

- For this school year, projected enrollment was 422 – on count day we had 433 students, now we have 448 (+ 4 this week)
- Next year we are projected at 457
- Goal is to project enough to not be over by too much but don't get too big too fast artificially
- Dr B appealed some of our projections – DCPS met her in the middle – raised by 10
- Per pupil funding close to 12k
- Multipliers for at-risk qualifiers
- Miner historically has high at-risk population > 60% of students
- Additional ward 7 funding that came through council
- Teachers union has just ratified their contract
- Don't know per pupil minimum for next SY
- You can look up school budget at [dcpsbudget.com](http://dcpsbudget.com)

c) Staffing Updates

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- Dr. B projects staffing needs by grade
- Miner class size is generally 18 or under, 4<sup>th</sup> grade at 25/26
- Staff will get survey in coming weeks to assess intent to return/future plans

d) Budget Priorities

- LSAT budget meetings – no set way LSAT has done this in the past– normally just one meeting, last year had multiple. Dr. B usually has three meetings – will collect priorities from staff
- One meeting after we collect feedback from parents and staff, one when budget is released and we go into closed session, one where Dr. B reviews final budget submission decisions (closed session).
- Dr. B will share petitions that she makes- outcomes of petitions drive decision points – go into closed session as needed
- Last year’s budget has changed some – will work with team to go over this
- Need to think about community priorities
- Budget LSAT approves is operational – capital is separate
  - Dr. B put in small caps project request to have all vanities in bathrooms replaced
  - Separate from school site budget
- Can utilize operational for furniture, supplies, professional services
- Paid for new cafeteria tables and painting last year out of operational
- LSAT to get out survey to families next week to gauge budget priorities
- Dr. B to send out same budget priority survey to staff
- Staff trends could be different than community trends
- LSAT and PTO at Lafayette combined their budget surveys into one
- LSAT discussed highlighting budget survey and budget priorities at February PTO meeting
  - Can share how PTO budget complements LSAT budget
- Goal will be to drive higher attendance at Feb 4 PTO
  - Potential to hold next PTO meeting in pre-K building

4) Other Business

a) PTO Check-In

- Sponsored staff breakfast on 1/17
- Working with sunshine committee to sponsor lunch on 1/27

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- Portia Etheridge was a longstanding teacher at Miner and pillar of the school. She passed away in late summer/early fall and left a gift to all Miner teachers in her will of \$270 each for supplies.
  - Angela Tillman legacy principal at Miner helped execute her will and this week teachers received dozens of shipments of supplies.
- Ms. Harris (former pre-K teacher at Miner) passed away last weekend.
- Ms. Bonilla left Miner for Houston Elementary

b) Next Meeting – BUDGET MEETING, date/time TBD but will be in person

- Next LSAT meeting scheduled for 2/18 at 5:30. Meeting to be in person if discussing budget. If budget is not released by this time, meeting will be virtual.