

Miner Elementary School LSAT
LSAT Meeting Notes 10/17/23

The meeting came to order at 5:05pm and was conducted virtually via Zoom.

Attendance:

- Parent Reps: Julie Muir, Andrea Jones, Katrice Fuller-Whitaker, Nick Kushner
- Teacher Reps: Mr. Yoho, Ms. Hillenbrand, Ms. Dykes, Mr. Martin
- Administration Reps: Principal Dance

LSAT Business

- Norms and expectations approved as read
 - Start/end on time
 - Assume best intentions
 - Equity of voice
 - Low tech/high engagement
 - Confidentiality
 - Solutions oriented
 - Students first
 - Respect of differing views
 - Transparency
 - Participation/commitment

Community Rep Election

- Shalisa Richardson is community school rep
- Community member Nora who attended first LSAT also interested in being community rep
- Can have up to two community reps
- Proposed to table until next meeting as neither were present – Tabling motion approved

Staff Election

- One staff position for non- WTU staff member
- Miner has not held election yet - will before next meeting

Principal Dance report

Mission and Vision

- Principal Dance shared document with research on other schools and school districts and how they structured their mission and vision
- Many of these schools and districts have won awards
- Key questions that will be used to develop mission and vision:
 - What are our core values?
 - What do we want mission and vision to say about our school?
 - What's already in place to help us move to our desired state?
 - What are our strengths?
 - What changes need to be made?

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- What changes do we see happening in the future?
- Questions will be shared with teachers to answer anonymously and at next PTO meeting

Enrollment Update

- Currently 111.7% enrollment - 411 students
- Losing kids during the week but gaining kids the following week
- Different grade levels coming and going- mostly due to moving
- Shout out from Chancellor Ferebee's office - to see what we did to increase enrollment – Chancellor will be discussing this with Mayor
- Some of the activities that have led to Miner's enrollment success include lots of open houses, enrollment day events, teachers calling homes, competition to re-enroll students returning to Miner
- Projected enrollment was supposed to be 368
- Because we got students after the fact, didn't provide us more funding

FY23/24 Budget Update

- Reprogrammed funding for another second grade teacher - have quality candidates for second grade position - can teach social studies and math - can pull out for special groups – great need to fill this position
- Over 50 kids in second grade
- No timeline for filling of the position due to DCPS hiring process outside of school control- but the money is ours
- More money into equipment and machinery ~\$1500
- \$2700 educational supplies
- Funding for two additional aides - can be very flexible positions - can use as floater, para, office admin - two aides
- Added \$10k to custodial and maintenance
- \$5k to custodial overtime
- 5th graders to participate in Nature Bridge program - 3 days and two nights – overnight science camp in cabins
- Pay for FoodPrints - \$20k
- Reading partners - students starting to get pulled for reading partners
 - K- 2 and some of the 5th graders

Comprehensive School Plan

- BOY data- BOY assessments completed, moving to progress monitoring
- Monitoring academic assessments, attendance, and teacher insight data
- MOY – will do slide deck and presentation at MOY to report on progress
- Working with IS Carruthers on support for attendance, math, ELA

Enrollment Projections

- Don't have enrollment projections yet
- Last year, started at 368 ended year at 386
- Watching numbers this year to see if there is a similar rise

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Attendance Update

- 90.23% attendance as a school, last year at this time was 89.23%
- Chronic absenteeism - 90% or less in attendance rate - 31.17% this year, last year at this time was 35.38%
- Roller skating event will be held on the 27th for students with perfect attendance - DPR skate party, scooters, snacks and things for students K- 5
- ECE is not part of the event
- Ms. Dykes asked about ECE attendance and possibly organizing some event to award perfect attendance for ECE as well

FY24/25 budget priorities

- LSAT to send out survey to identify budget priorities
- Focus will be on the subject or content area/s that you would like to see investment in
- Not just new investments, but continued investments as well
- Survey will be for parents, caregivers, teachers, staff, and community members

Construction Update

- New 0-3 program will be completely separate from Miner - will be inside Miner but will be run by outside program – Miner funding not tied in anyway to the new 0-3 program
- Some school members are stakeholders in process of selecting provider
- Early childhood provider will not have access to the interior of Miner aside from their small wing, which will be built out in the location of four existing pre-K classrooms with separate entrance/exit into and out of building
- Current capital funding not making any repairs inside current Miner building other than to build out new early childhood provider wing
- Principal Dance recently put in request for capital improvements for Miner's current building but will not be funded as part of this project
- Miner has not had any upgrades since 2003 inside building
- Some fixes with fire alarm system were being addressed through DGS
- Principal Dance met with CM Gray staffer last week
 - Major concern raised was to fix the PA system - students and staff cannot hear drills and cannot hear when there are important announcements

Community School Check-in

- Smaller sizes of new or used uniforms requested by Ms. Richardson

PTO update

- Trunk or Treat event 27th of October
- Ms. Woodard was able to get a bunch of turkeys donated
- Miner will host Thanksgiving food drive of non-perishables- thru Nov 17th- class with most donations collected will get pizza party
- Holiday greenery sale will take place Dec 1 and 2 - sale will go live online Nov 1
- Next PTO meeting Nov 7th

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Next LSAT Meeting Date

- Scheduled for Nov 21st, may seek to reschedule if date doesn't work with the holiday

Meeting ended 5:51pm