



Capitol Hill Cluster School
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LSAT Meeting Agenda
Stuart-Hobson MS
September 4, 2018

LSAT Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018

LSAT Attendees: Ebon McPherson, Meg Booth, Principal Bell, AP Croft, Principal Comeforo, Mercedes Salazar, Jessica Pannett, Kip Plasted, Lauren Tate, Tiffany Kaijage, Lona Valmore, Asa Davis, Tom Guglielmo, Coreil Dickinson, and Nakisha Winston.

Superintendent Carolyne Albert-Garvey and approximately 10 parents were also in attendance.

Community Representative Update

- Updates regarding the recruitment for the LSAT community representative were provided.
- According to DCPS LSAT guidelines, the community representative must be an in-bound resident, work within the school boundary, or be a member of the school's official partner organizations. Several candidates did not meet this requirement.
- Meg will continue to follow-up with potential candidates
- We agreed to vote on candidates and have the representative finalized by Friday, September 15th.

Stuart- Hobson - Principal's Updates

Enrollment Updates

- Stuart currently has 455 students enrolled which is 30 students over-enrolled - mostly in 6th Grade. Four lottery seats were offered in 6th grade.
- The incoming 6th Grade includes 70 students from Watkins, 39 from JO Wilson, 36 from Ludlow Taylor, 11 from SWS, 15 from Tyler and 15 from other schools.
- Here's how Stuart-Hobson's re-enrollment numbers compare to other middle schools
 - District rate: 80%
 - SHMS: 89%
 - Deal: 94%
 - Eliot-Hine: 74%
 - Jefferson: 82%
 - Cap Hill Montessori: 75%

Staffing & Logistics Updates

- Due to the increase in enrollment, Principal Comeforo appealed to DCPS at the start of school and was granted an additional teacher for 6th Grade.
- SH is now actively searching for a science/social studies teacher.
- SH began a partnership with City Year this school year. The seven City Year members are primarily concentrated in 6th and 7th grade classes.
- There was a reduction in Special Education inclusion teachers (from five teachers to four) but the remaining four teachers have assumed the case load. With the addition of our CES self-contained classroom, there was no net increase or decrease in special education teachers, overall.
- To date, DCPS assigned speech and language service providers have not visited Stuart-Hobson.
- Stuart-Hobson now has 25-30 kids who are proficient in Spanish. Admin is asking the new Spanish teacher, Mr. Rafael Pizzaro, if he would like to consider adding Zero or 9th Period class to support these students.

Renovation Update

- Repairs to the Auditorium and the Green Roof were completed over the summer.

SY 18-19 CSP Review

- Principal Comeforo reviewed the Panorama survey data from spring 2018.
- In terms of Social Emotional Learning, one data point that stood out – only 45% of students reported feeling that they were “valued members of the school community” which is only in the 40th percentile nationally. Principal Comeforo said they will be focusing on that point this year.

Watkins & Peabody - Principal's Updates

Enrollment Updates

- Peabody currently has 222 students enrolled. As of August 27th, Peabody has 82% re-enrollment rate.
- Watkins currently has 442 students enrolled. As of August 27th, Watkins has 83% re-enrollment rate.
 - During the meeting, Carolyn Albert-Garvey presented re-enrollment data that shows Watkins' re-enrollment numbers are similar to those of other schools on the Hill
 - Compared to other schools:
 - Watkins 83%
 - Ludlow 87%
 - JO Wilson 81%
 - Miner 78%
 - Payne 75%
 - Brent 78%
 - Tyler 83%
 - Maury 85%

Re-Enrollment Working Group

- Principal Bell is establishing a Re-Enrollment Working Group to identify what actions are needed moving forward to increase re-enrollment.
- With a goal of 90% re-enrollment, the retention of families will be a priority.

Staffing Updates

- Starting this week, Watkins and Peabody have a psychologist who will be splitting time between both schools.
- Watkins has a PT vacancy for a custodian. Special education teachers for Peabody and Watkins are in the onboarding process. Updates will be provided once this process is complete.

SY 18-19 CSP Review

- This year, the focus at Peabody and Watkins are rigor, differentiation, and relationships as they apply to Math, Literacy, and Social Emotional Learning
- In terms of Social Emotional Learning, 84% of students responded favorably to the competency of Rigorous Expectations and 68% of students responded favorably to the competency of Sense of Belonging.
- When digging deeper into the data, only 45% of students felt respected by their peers. The Culture Team will come up with a plan of action to address this issue.
- In October's meeting, there will be discussion of the Achievement Gap with the new PARCC data.

Other Updates

- Following the scheduled agenda items, additional topics and questions were raised Science Curriculum
 - The administration is currently researching science lab curriculum.
 - Science lab materials have to be purchased by the school.
 - The PTA allocated \$5K in the 2018-2019 budget for science lab materials.

Specials Communication

- A Specials Newsletter will go out starting this month.

Candy in Classrooms

- Candy and gum are no longer allowed to be given out as incentives, per directive from DCPS.
 - See policy here: The DC Healthy Schools Act prohibits schools from using food (including candy) as a reward and has since 2010. This was codified into policy in DCPS in 2011, and continues in the current Local Wellness Policy see page 14): <https://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/publication/attachments/DCPS%20Local%20Wellness%20Policy%202017.pdf>.

Recess

- With regard to loss of recess as a punishment, Principal Bell says this is not our policy and will “renorm” with all teachers, lunch and recess monitors that no length of recess should be taken away from any student.

LSAT Representation at Back to School Night

- Per July’s meeting, we will push to have LSAT representation at each campus for Back to School Night.
- Tom and Meg will represent LSAT at Peabody. Jessica will represent LSAT at Watkins. Nakisha will represent LSAT at Stuart-Hobson

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