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**LSAT Meeting Notes
Watkins Elementary School
May 7, 2019**

LSAT Attendees: Ebon McPherson, Meg Booth, Principal Bell, Principal Comeforo, AP Bosivert, AP Croft, Jessica Pannett, Lona Valmoro, Asa Davis, Tom Guglielmo, Finnuala Tessier, Tiffany Ahn, Lauren Tate, Sharonda Davila-Irving and Tiffany Kaijage

Approximately 3 parents were in attendance.

The LSAT meeting began at 6:19pm.

Stuart- Hobson - Principal's Updates

Stuart Hobson is projected to enroll 483 students by Fall 2019 – currently 40% of students have enrolled as of May 7th. It is not anticipated that any students will be taken from the waitlist/lottery in 6th grade this year.

New Positions at Stuart Hobson

- Science Teacher: will be filled by Ms. Dunn. She is currently an English teacher and we are actively interviewing to fill that position.
- Social Studies Teacher: actively interviewing for new teacher
- Part-Time ELL Teacher: offer extended, sharing with Ludlow-Taylor
- Part-Time Social Worker:- offer extended, sharing with Ludlow-Taylor
- Special Education Inclusion Teacher: actively interviewing for new teacher
- Special Education TLI and LEA Representative: actively interviewing for new teacher
- Assistant of Strategy and Logistics: actively interviewing

Retirements

- Librarian: offer extended to new librarian
- Music Teacher: actively interviewing for new teacher
- Health/PE Teacher: actively interviewing for new teacher

Summer Projects

- Stuart Hobson will be hosting Summer School. As a result, Hoop Ed will not in the building this summer.

- Panther Pride Academy for incoming 6th Graders will be August 7th-9th from 9:00am-12:00pm each day.

Watkins & Peabody - Principal's Updates

Enrollment:

DCPS set the first (May 1) benchmark goal for enrollment at 60% - both Peabody and Watkins hit that mark. The next DCPS enrollment benchmark is being determined.

- Peabody has an enrollment projection of 222 next year.
- Watkins has an enrollment projection of 447 next year.

Peabody Staffing

– Custodian, paraprofessional, and PE Teacher will be leaving.

Watkins Staffing

-- 2nd grade teacher and 4th grade teacher will be leaving.

New positions:

- Behavioral Tech: will be interviewing
- PE teacher: position will be filled by Mr. Gross

PARCC Testing continues for 3rd-5th Grades

Week of April 29th -- ELA Testing

Week of May 6th -- Math Testing

May 14th and 15th -- Science Testing (5th Grade only).

May 16th-May 23rd -- PARCC Make up Sessions

Conscious Discipline at Watkins: The Culture Planning Team is meeting each Monday to begin our implementation of Conscious Discipline. Conscious Discipline is a program that is implemented over 3-5 years. Watkins staff have identified five core values from visioning/empathy maps: safety, a sense of belonging/acceptance, joy, social skills and accountability. In April, two colleagues from Langley ES presented to Watkins staff about the impact and challenges that they experienced with Conscious Discipline. Watkins first training session for teachers will be August 15th, with material distributed to faculty before the summer.

Teacher training will happen three times next year and includes one parent training in the fall. In terms of Responsive Classroom and PBIS, members of the Culture Team are assessing what works/hasn't worked for the Watkins community.

Aftercare at Watkins: DCPS notified Watkins that OST will no longer be offered next year because the program is designed to be located in Title 1 schools. Therefore the program will be moved to a school in greater need. The second after school program offered at Watkins, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), current enrolls 40 students, and will be offering the same number next year - they were asked but will not be able to expand the number of seats they offer for SY19-20. Principal Bell is meeting with additional aftercare vendors in May to identify additional vendors to offer families choices on programing and cost for aftercare providers.

General Discussion

Facilities: Stuart Hobson and Peabody are both having issues with air conditioning. Principals Comeforo and Bell are working with DCPS and DGS to get the issues resolved.

Shuttle Bus: There was discussion advocacy for restoring a budget for the Peabody-Watkins shuttle bus.

Fair Access to Schools Amendment -- There was a review of an online discuss LSAT members had about he Fair Access to Schools Amendment and how the legislation impacts all three campuses both currently and what it means for our community moving forward.

LSAT Elections -- Anticipated Vacancies for 2019-2020

One Watkins Parent Representative (2 year term)

One SH Parent Representative (2 year term)

One Peabody Parent Representative (2 year term)

The PTA Representative, Teacher Representatives (2), and Community Representatives are not elected positions. The community will vote on new LSAT members on Tuesday, May 21st at the PTA meeting.

The LSAT members discussed how to reach out to families who do not usually engage in LSAT, encourage them to attend meetings, and expand our conversation. We also discussed a subcommittee structure that could serve to advance the priorities of LSAT more efficiently between monthly meetings. The chairs reminded the LSAT that achievement, equity and joy/community had been the priorities identified by the 2018-19 LSAT that were intended to help guide the work of the entire LSAT but could also inform any committee structure. LSAT was asked to respond via email before May 26 if those priorities would work for a committee structure.

The official LSAT meeting ended at 8:11pm.