Maury LSAT Meeting Minutes

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ACTION ITEMS

- Submit nominations for community rep to CAG please send by Friday, Sept 26th
- ❖ CAG will provide Joy of Motion grant information to Mr. Rogers

Agenda

Intro

Election of co-chairs and secretary

Nomination of community rep

Mr. Rogers - Winter Concert

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Singapore Math

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Intro

CAG introduced the purpose of the committee and explained a little of the structure and format of meetings. We will hold quarterly meetings with a couple additional meetings during budget time. Morning meetings worked well for most schedules and we will hold regularly scheduled LSAT meetings at the 7:30 timeslot. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed after school on the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Tuesday of the month.

Election of co-chairs and secretary

Erica and Shannon volunteered to serve as co-chairs of the committee. Corinne Cannon volunteered to serve as secretary.

Nomination of community rep

There are two additional seats on the LSAT that are currently not filled – the "community rep" and the "other staff" positions. Other staff include custodial and

building staff. CAG will approach people for the other staff role. The community rep should be someone who does not currently have a child at Maury and lives within the school boundary. Please submit nominations for community rep to CAG – please send by Friday, Sept $26^{\rm th}$

Mr. Rogers - Winter Concert

Mr. Rogers joined the group to discuss the possibility of changing the structure of the Winter concert from a traditional performance to an "informance" in part of the evening is instruction and part of the evening is performance. Parents would learn songs or dances along with their child(ren) and participate in the experience. The evening would be structured more like Family Fitness Night with parents breaking into groups to learn about instruments, dancing, etc. The group discussed logistics, benefits, and raised questions about the feasibility given the timeline. The idea of splitting it into two evenings – one for PK3-K and one for 1-5 grades given the differences in ability levels – was raised with the focus being on having the kids become the teachers/leaders for each group. Overall the group was enthusiastic about the informace idea and Mr. Rogers is going to begin work. This would align well with our goal of deeper family engagement. CAG will look into what funds we have to work with Joy of Motion on this.

Goals

LSAT is involved in school planning and goal setting. We will receive some guidance and a template from DCPS that we need to follow. This template is often related to testing and doesn't usually align with the school issues we face. For example the DCPS goals are often connected to reducing truancy and in school suspensions and those simply aren't issues for Maury. As goals are developed LSAT will need to be a part of providing input and signing off on the final goals.

Aside from the DCPS goals, Maury's staff sets school wide curriculum/learning goals during their planning sessions in the summer. This year the school learning goals are focused around installing a love or learning and increasing reading (reading logs). We also work with the Flamboyian Foundation on family engagement and work with Ashoka.

A question was raised about what CAG and the school would ideally like to get out of the LSAT this year. Family engagement is a key goal overall for Maury and there are unique ways that LSAT can contribute to that – for example, a past LSAT was the creator of the Parent Handbook. Additionally, one of the non-academic goals the teaching staff has discussed is how to create a more intentional community and hone in on the school-wide culture. LSAT could have a great impact here as well.

Singapore Math

Maury has been selected to have an international delegation of Singapore Math users visit to see the curriculum in action. They will be coming October 16th during

the Singapore Math Conference being held in DC. A Hospitality Chair is needed asap to help prepare for this visit.