



MAURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOOL ADVISORY TEAM

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Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2022, 4:00 pm via remote teleconference

School Leadership Present: Principal Helena Payne Chauvenet; Assistant Principal Andrew Lardell

LSAT Members Present: Ross Kyle, D'Ann Lettieri, Richard Parker, Alison Schwartz, Kenyon Weaver, VanNessa Duckett, Katie Jondal, Becca Sanghvi, Shanna Williams-Carr, Elizabeth Nelson

LSAT Members Absent: Angela Stover, Tess Winters

Called to order at 4:03 pm

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The motion to adopt was put forward by Richard Parker and seconded by Ross Kyle.
2. **Community Comments.** There were no community comments.
3. **Specials Overview: Spanish.** *Ms. Torregroza was unable to attend this meeting due to a professional conflict so this discussion will be rescheduled for a future meeting.*
4. **Whole School Update**
 - *PARCC testing.* PARCC testing is soon to begin for students in grades 3-5, none of whom have ever taken this test before. PARCC is a comprehensive test covering multiple subjects and done via computer. The school is getting geared up through the “spirit week” happening this week, and there is a mix of excitement and seriousness on campus as we move towards the testing dates.
 - *Spring planning.*
 - Faculty and staff are in the spring planning phase as they think through the rest of this year and next year. The administration team is eager to hear

parent perspectives on schoolwide priorities on the topics of social emotional learning, equity and inclusive programming, and other areas. Principal PC is soliciting feedback from LSAT and other parent organizations as this planning is underway. “Inclusive programming” rose to the top during spring planning meetings with grade levels, interventionists, and specials teachers. Inclusive practices include: supporting special education students, enhancing the teacher toolkit, help for dealing with tricky behaviors, building community in classrooms, instructional practices for students who learn differently, closing gaps that persist across race and ability, etc. Since we are able to add a behavior tech to the staff team next school year, we will be receiving support from that person as well.

- As spring has begun, the school is bringing back in-person events so parents can participate in school activities, like whole school morning meetings, publishing parties, and even field trips. The school community is reminded that volunteers for school activities and field trips need security clearances through DCPS.
- *Gun safety information.*
 - This week some students found a BB gun on the playground down in the retention area. The students acted appropriately by not touching the gun and going to tell adults. MPD arrived shortly after being called, and school security provided extra sweeps of the playground that afternoon. There is no belief that the weapon is connected to our school community or any incident at school. The weapon was found on a publicly accessible space on our campus.
 - This episode serves as a reminder that our security team is an important part of our school community. Similarly, now that folks are able to come back into the building we need to adhere to all security measures regarding visitors to campus.
 - LSAT members discussed sending out a note to the room parent listserv requesting that room parents reach out to their classrooms to offer up suggested resources to help parents talk about gun safety with their children.
- *Current COVID Protocols.* We are seeing a slight uptick in Covid cases at school, in line with what we are seeing District-wide. Having a Covid facilitator has made it easier to adhere to the ever-changing DCPS Covid protocol, and also help facilitate Covid testing and tracing during the school day. With regards to proactive mitigation measures given the increase in cases, Maury cannot add to or take away from DCPS Covid regulations. For students who test positive, there is

still a waiting period of quarantine, and there are some situations when mask wearing is suggested or required. But, mask wearing is optional, and there isn't an enforcement mechanism to require students or staff to mask. The most recent [DCPS mask guidance](#), [DC Health guidance](#), and [DCPS at-a-glance PDF](#).

- *Enrollment, Lottery Results, & Waitlist Movement*. May 3rd for the next enrollment benchmark. Maury is not where we need to be regarding enrollment at this time. Currently, the school has processed only about 120 students. Early enrollment is helpful for requesting additional staff and for planning purposes. It was discussed that the parent community would send out a note to encourage folks to enroll their children this week. Due to our class sizes, we don't usually have many lottery offerings overall, with pre-K being the obvious exception. In recent years, however, our pre-K children are siblings and/or live in bounds exclusively. The choice to take students off of the waitlist for other grades is usually not made until the summer time, so it's too early to know if any students will join our school from out of bounds. With regards to next year's 4th grade and the fact that we will be going from four classrooms to three, it is likely that there will be upwards of 26-27 students per class.

4. Budget SY2022-23 Update & Advocacy Update

- Principal Payne Chauvenet updated the LSAT that there is no new information regarding the school's budget. The budget we submitted is in process, and it is anticipated it will be approved. Interviews for new and open staff positions are underway. By contractual obligation, teachers and staff who will not be returning for next year have already alerted the school, although movement within DCPS can continue to happen throughout the summer.
- Regarding budget advocacy, there is also no additional update. The LSAT parent representatives are continuing to gather information and might send off additional letters to DC officials. But, the path ahead looks more like influencing changes to the budget formula for future years' budgets, rather than any additional funding coming to schools for the upcoming year.

5. New Business. There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

The next regular LSAT meeting will be held at 4 pm, on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, via teleconference.