MAURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL ADVISORY TEAM

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May LSAT Meeting Agenda
5/12/2026

In attendance:

- *Admin*: Leah Hassler, Lindsay Bowers, Patrick Koontz
- *Teachers*: Danielle Brasure, VanNessa Duckett
- *AFSCME Reps:* Shaaren Pine, Colette Marchesini
- *Union Rep:* none
- *Parent Reps:* Katie Burke, Courtney Myers, Alex Zuber, Jason King
- *Community Rep:* none
- *Other*: Meika Berlan (PTA), Lora Nunn (PTA), Jenny Lee (parent), George Blackman

Time	Agenda Item	Notes
4:00pm	Call to Order	
4:01pm	Celebrations & Attendance	***May Celebrations*** ● DC Cape trip ran smoothly, thanks to Ms. Bowers ● K students held a Readers Theater, Publishing Party, and Whole School Morning Meeting ● Field Day sign-ups are underway ● Shout-out to Ms. Battle for her warmth, organization, and leadership ● Shout-out to Ms. Mazenko for incredible her teaching this spring ● Shout out to Ms. Ducket's students keeping their Genius Hour projects as a

		surprise for her
4:05pm	Review Group Norms	● Equity of voice ● Start on time, end on time ● Low tech, high engagement ● Hard on content, soft on people ● Evidence-based decision making ● Have fun
4:10pm	Current Topic #1: CSP Goals	**<u>Quick budget updates from Principal Hassler</u>** ● Budget worksheets are finalized. ● No changes - moving forward was planned.
	Current Topic #2: Facilities Updates	**<u>Facilities Concerns</u>** ● **Front Doors** ○ Update: proceeding as planned. ● **HVAC System** ○ This is an unresolved DC Small Caps Project commitment — not a standard DGS work order. Two compressors for the new wing were promised but not yet delivered. DGS has cited no budget and no work orders. ● ***Parent Advocacy Steps Needed:*** ○ Emails sent to Superintendent, DCPS, DGS, DME, and State Superintendent ○ Key message: Funding for this project has been granted under the DC Small Caps program. We are holding DGS accountable for fulfilling the original commitment. ○ Highlight that work orders have been submitted weekly; continue emailing to prompt that they are unresolved ● ***Other context:*** ○ Patrick will forward documentation to council members and relevant contacts ○ Meika has spoken with council members, including Mendelson ○ Team is considering submitting temperature evidence as

		documentation
	Current Topic #3	**LSAT Elections Timeline** ● May 1-21 Nominations ● May 25-June 10 Elections ● Announce by June 15
	Current Topic #4	**Planning for SY26-27** ● Enrollment ○ Current re-enrollment rate is 68%; goal is 90% by June 1 (approximately 180 families). ○ Outreach is ongoing — Coco is actively following up with 4th grade families and those not yet enrolled. ○ Room parents: please keep up communications. ● Staffing ● Prioritize early hiring. Communicate end-of-year departures and new hires as soon as information is available.
	Current Topic #4: Playground Committee Update	**Playground Improvements** ● Spring painting event: Update ○ Ms. Bomba is asking for help from a muralist ○ Parent crew will do the painting in August, before school starts. ● Gravel pit ○ Cover has been ordered to secure over space ○ PTA has allocated funds for tarp & paint
4:55pm	Community Questions and Comments	**Parent Questions & Suggestions** ● **Math Enrichment for High-Achieving Students** ○ There is currently no formal enrichment program; teachers address this at their own discretion.

		○ iReady is the most structured option, offering above-grade-level content that teachers can assign by domain. ○ The group noted this should be a planning focus, particularly in 4th grade (e.g., real-world applications similar to Genius Hour). ● **Reducing End-of-Year Screen Time** ○ Several parents expressed interest in supporting alternatives to screen time (read-alouds, movement breaks, art projects, scavenger hunts, etc.). ○ Best approach: room parents connect directly with teachers, as practices vary by classroom. ○ Curriculum-linked activities (e.g., guest speakers, aligned activities) are a good model.
5:00pm	Adjorn	Next meeting is June 9th

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