

SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Minutes from Local School Advisory Team meeting of January 26, 2012

Present: Jennifer Pauk, Nancy Ulba, Lisa Connor, Joele Michaud, Valena Valentine, Mary Thomas, Jamie Miles, Bianca Bostic, JT Taransky, Robin Brooks.

The meeting opened at 4 p.m. Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Jennifer will send them out again and comments will be submitted. They will be approved at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Academic Enrichment: Funding for GeoPlunge was approved by the PTA and Ms. Thomas will be purchasing them. Ms. Miles reported that tutoring for select students based on their test results as well as recommended by their teach in G2-5 will begin as it did last year, with teachers tutoring the students. The Committee would like LSAT to recommend to Ms. Miles that students have the opportunity to have tutoring before school for 45 minutes 2-3 days at work. 4/17/2012 is the start of testing period. The goal is to start the third week of February. Students who participated last year showed improvement. The same amount of funding will be spent this year.

As a follow-up to the last PTA meeting the committee would like to have a workshop for parents about testing to explain different aspects of testing. Ms. Thomas agreed to take the lead in organizing this. It will take place the date that the town hall had been planned. Teachers will be on a panel to present and answer questions about testing. The town hall will take place a different date in March. LSAT members agreed that there would be parental interest in this topic. Bianca offered for the PTA to sponsor childcare and food.

Culture and Climate: The committee reported that they had not met.

Safety and Traffic: The committee is trying to find petitions signed by the parents. An initiative is underway led by Sam to have parents present at the crosswalk and put cones out. JT mentioned that there is another petition in the neighborhood concerning parking related to the park, especially on the weekend. If changes were made during the week that would impact teacher parking. DC has not been willing to make accommodations for parking permits for teachers.

Community Engagement: Participation at several of the main Shepherd Park events was discussed. The Shepherd community potluck is 1/29, Bianca and JT plan to attend and will bring information about SES. The committee felt that participation in these events might improve the numbers of families in the neighborhood sending their kids to SES. The committee also emphasized the importance of inviting the community to SES events. JT will make sure information on SES Jazz night gets to the ANC.

Ms. Ulba received information on the DCPS budget schedule. The student enrollment was given and the LSAT needs to develop priority goals 2/9/2012 is the budget workshop 6:30 – 8:30 at Payne ES. Ms. Miles reviewed her budget plan. She asked to add a K class, the request was not approved. She asked for SPED increase and this was approved. Ms. Miles reviewed the lottery

count for SES: 35 PK, 1K, 3 1st, 2 3rd, 1 4th are open. If necessary she can admit additional students from the waitlist.

The LSAT schedule was reviewed. Ms. Miles will call to schedule a conference call for LSAT in February regarding budget issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Pauk, secretary, Shepherd Elementary LSAT