

Maury LSAT Meeting Minutes

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Agenda

1. Lottery Numbers and Planning for Future Growth
2. School Improvement Committee Progress
3. Policy Regarding Front and Side Yard Usage
4. Future Agenda Items – Next meeting for budget review

Action Steps

- Corinne will speak with Scott Douglas about where we are with the school expansion letter and about inviting Charles Allen to tour the school.
- Erica will share the Budget Process Overview document with the listserve

1. Lottery Number and Planning for Future Growth & 2. School Improvement Committee Progress – *Note: The conversation of these two items happened together along with a discussion of the budget process.*

- The Lottery numbers came back and there are a shocking 84 inbound PreK3 applicants. Looking down the line that means in three years there will likely be a minimum of 84 Kindergarteners who have a right to attend Maury
- There are an additional 28 students at Browne PreK4-8th grade who are eligible to enroll at Maury next year.
- Amanda Alexander from DCPS will do a walk through of the school today (3/11). She is the head of Elementary Education and she's here to see the school. We're hoping she'll see the overcrowding first hand. She will also be talking about departmentalization in other elementary schools.
- David Grosso will be coming to visit on April 7th

- Would be nice to invite Charles Allen to visit as well – that invite should come from Scott Douglas on the School Improvement Committee. Corinne to speak with him about this.
- School Improvement Committee has been working on the creation of 1-2 page letter laying out the central issues and needs of the school for expansion.
- The letter is just about ready to go – should go to Henderson first and then out to others. Corinne to speak with Scott about this.
- Once the letter has gone to key folks we want to get parents involved in writing letters of support.
- Erica presented an overview of the budget process to the PTA meeting last month. The conversation moved from budget to school improvement/expansion very quickly.
- Following that meeting several parents with upper elementary students approached
- The budget has been given to DCPS and the schools will likely get it this week. UPDATE: Budget is in! LSAT will meet Friday or Monday to review and make recommendations.
- Corinne will share feedback from Prek3, PreK4 and K families about the larger class sizes.

3. Policy Regarding Front and Side Yard Usage

- Throughout the year there have been issues with students not respecting the side yard and living classroom after school and on the weekends. This has meant torn up gardens, tree limbs broken, etc.
- The latest thing to happen is that student artwork placed in the side yard has been destroyed.
- For the most part the kids respect the yard and the items there. What we likely need is some targeted information to a select number of families and classes as well as some more signage and overall education about how the space is designed and used by the school.
- Scott from School Improvement should be brought in on the signage issue.
- Also brought up with the climbing of trees in the side yard and the Constitution Ave side of the street – this is a safety and liability issue.
- Shannon will email the listserve about the tree issue.
- Part of April's all school Morning Meeting will be devoted to teaching the kids about the side yard and respecting the space.
- A new social worker will be hired soon and part of their job description will include creation of a safety patrol group – this would be a great role for student safety patrols.

4. Future Agenda Items – *Budget Review and Recommendations meeting to be scheduled.*