

Maury LSAT Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2015 – 7:30am

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Agenda

1. Review of building usage to accommodate SY15-16 staffing plan (and communication to the community)
2. LSAT support of ongoing School Improvement Committee Efforts
3. Priorities for next year's LSAT
4. Next Steps

Action Steps

- Corinne will share the School Improvement draft letter with Room Parents and ask them to forward on to classes.
- For parent members, let Erica know if you plan to run for LSAT next year.

1. Review of building usage to accommodate SY15-16 staffing plan (and communication to the community)

- A request has been made for two trailers – we do not yet know if we will receive them. If they are received, LSAT's recommendation for using these spaces for Think Tank and World Language rather than as third 1st and 3rd grade classroom stands.
- In our initial discussions around 15-16 staffing we discussed asking for trailers to accommodate Think Tank and World Language.
- If we do receive the trailers there will be parking issues, since they will likely go either on the blacktop or the teacher parking area. It's possible to get teachers zone parking if this is the case. There has been some push back from the community about that idea in the past.

2. LSAT support of ongoing School Improvement Committee Efforts

- The School Improvement Committee has created a list of council members to contact and a draft letter with key bullet points explaining why we need the expansion sooner rather than later.
- Education Committee made recommendations today on 2015-2016 school improvements funding – Maury was recommended for \$5.8 million for the next two years.
- We still need to push parents to contact the full Council – with a focus on the Chair – so that the suggestion becomes a reality.
- Corinne will forward the letter to Room Parents and ask them to distribute to their classes.

3. Priorities for next year's LSAT

- Elections for next year's LSAT will be at the June PTA meeting. Elsa will announce that we are looking for people to stand at this Thursday's meeting.
- Suggestion was made to meet with the incoming LSAT once it's elected to get them up to speed on what was accomplished this year, what LSAT does, what we would suggest they focus on next year.
- Suggestions for activities to continue:
 - o Community survey – Do this in September so the LSAT has a good base for action and decision making
 - o Update the Budget Cheat Sheet and share with parents early so they will understand the process
 - o As part of a larger Parent Education push, hold three meetings around budget with CAG and LSAT reps and encourage parents to meet with and come to LSAT members with questions. These meetings can also help build the groundswell for the advocacy role that we need parents to fill through budget season and in other areas.
 - o Review of Parent Handbook – this year this will be covered by Elsa, Ms. Cooper and Jean Kohanek. Needs to be done every year.
 - o Revisit and focus on yard signage for next year

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