

Maury LSAT Meeting Minutes

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ACTION ITEMS

- ❖ Review draft survey results from Corinne and send her comments by Tuesday, Feb 3rd.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of Other Staff Representative (identified by CAG)
2. Report out on SY16 Budget Process from Chancellor's LSAT meeting (Erica and Shannon)
3. Review of LSAT Community Survey Results (Corinne)
4. School Culture: Changemakers (CAG, time permitting)
5. School Leadership (Erica)
6. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Next Meeting is TBD – Early Spring – based on budget release

Welcome to Elizabeth Nelson, our Community Representative!

1. Confirmation of Other Staff Representative (identified by CAG)

- CAG has emailed and asked other staff, but there are no takers as of now.

2. Report out on SY16 Budget Process from Chancellor's LSAT meeting (Erica and Shannon)

- Erica and Shannon attended a citywide presentation on the SY16 Budget. It was a presentation of budget priorities and then roundtable discussions in smaller school groups with a DCPS main office facilitator.
- DC budget will be in a deficit overall next year and the DCPS budget will remain flat.
- There will be three areas of focus for SY16:

1. Improving High School
2. Providing equity in academic rigor across DCPS (with a focus on cornerstone assignments)
3. Empowering Males of Color – 43% of DCPS students are black and Hispanic boys. There will be a \$20 million campaign that includes mentors for boys and looking into a single sex school for boys.
 - Maury needs to be sure we receive the training and the resources other schools with higher populations of boys of color are receiving. There is still an achievement gap at Maury. CAG has spoken with Dr. Simmons about this at DCPS.
 - Budget Timeline – we should expect to get the revenue projections in Feb and budget in March.
 - The turnaround on budgets is very fast – a week or so.
 - One reality was discussed – overcrowded schools aren't an issue DCPS wide – most schools have an issue with under-enrollment.

3. Review of LSAT Community Survey Results (Corinne)

- Corinne reviewed the results of the LSAT Survey. See the attached results report that will be shared with the entire Maury Community.
- Big take aways – people are very concerned about class size, communication, and space.
- Discussion of providing some budget education to the overall community – ensuring parents know where the funds come from is important to inform the whole conversation.
- Discussion of how we frame the conversation to address the biggest concerns – we can't renovate the building for next school year, but what can we do to address class size concerns? Is it more training for teachers and aides? Assigning aides with more larger classroom experience to bigger classes? Having a discussion around boundaries?

4. School Culture: Changemakers (CAG, time permitting)

- Ran out of time to talk in detail about this. CAG and the leadership team will be taking this on and will update us next meeting.

5. School Leadership (Erica)

- Discussion of school leadership and direction of the school.
- LSAT members expressed confidence in the leadership team and also noted the importance of having all the administrative positions (assistant principal, bookkeeper, front office staff, etc) filled. Having all those functions rest in one person (the principal) is not wise for the long term growth or health of the school.

6. Future Agenda Items

- Next Meeting – January 21st – 7:30am