

LSRT June Meeting

6-9-09

5:00 to 7:00 pm

(Note: LSRT Minutes reflect 5 to 6 pm session. HSA minutes will cover 6 to 7 pm joint HSA/LSRT session.)

Attendees: Carolyn Barnhardt, Joseph Belinga, Trish Berman, Marianne Eby, Susan Eastman, Kelley Ellsworth, Lisa Freda, Lucy Mallan, Marissa Parrella, John Prentice, David Shapinsky, Noah Steinberg, Joy Carroll Wallis, Lisa Woods

Principal's Report: 2009-2010 Enrollment and World Cultures Grant Update

Trish Berman gave an overview of the enrollment process. DCPS is striving for full enrollment by 6/15/09. As of the meeting date, Eaton is approximately 10 to 15 students shy of full registration for returning students. All new students expected in the 2009-2010 school year to the school are registered. There are spaces saved at every grade level to accommodate in-bound students that register during the summer months. Trish indicated that there is a large waiting list. There is a goal of 399 students for the 2009-2010 school year which compares to current enrollment of 427 students for the 2008-2009 school year. Next year there will be three pre-K classes, three K classes, three 1st grade classes, two 2nd grade classes, three 3rd grade classes, two 4th grade classes and two 5th grade classes. School configuration is still being determined but Principal Gartrell will likely locate pre-K through 2nd grade on the right side of the building and 3rd grade through 5th on the left side of the building. The JEAP room will likely continue to function as a classroom. Mrs. Carr will serve as the math specialist for next year. No decision has been made regarding a science resource. Chinese will be taught in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades next year. There will be at least one Chinese teacher perhaps two. During planning meetings with teachers, a lack of physical space for a growing student body was noted as a concern. For 2009-2010, Eaton will be okay on space however for 2010-2011 and beyond classroom/break out room space will be a challenge. A decision on the world cultures grant has been postponed again. Mrs. Gartrell would like to attempt to secure funding for the initiative regardless of DCPS's involvement.

Playground:

The teachers present at the LSRT meeting stated they are interested in participating in the playground comment period. Specifically, Lisa Freda mentioned that teachers want class specific baskets to serve as a repository for lunch boxes and back packs. The baskets would be on the outside of the multi-purpose room. Mrs. Barnhardt has seen baskets used in this fashion at a prior school.

2009-2010 LSRT Members and New Co-Chairs and Secretary Selection:

New LSRT members John Prentice, Marissa Parrella and Lisa Woods gave brief introductions to the group. David Shapinsky served on the LSRT for the 2008-2009 school year and will provide consistency

for the group. The group voted to approve Noah Steinberg and David Shapinsky as LSRT co-chairs for the 2009-2010 school year. The group voted to approve Lisa Woods as LSRT secretary for the 2009-2010 school year.

LSRT Duties:

Marissa Parrella asked what LSRT focus will be for the year. In general, the LSRT focuses on instruction, curriculum, and the management of the school. In addition to those broad focus areas, this summer the committee will focus on: 1) monitoring of the playground, 2) the world language/world culture program and 3) impact on physical plant. At the beginning of the school year, the LSRT will look at 4 or 5 topics to address during the school year such as math curriculum, TV in the classroom, output from the strategic planning session, etc.

The LSRT “only” meeting ended at 6 pm. Please refer to the HSA minutes for the joint HSA/LSRT session.