

LSAT Meeting  
February 15, 2011

Present: Tracy Scarrow, Andy Cohen, Allison Potocki, Kim Curtis, Marjie Thompson, Malin Kerwin, Tawana Franklin, Willa Day Morris, Lauren Rockwell

Connected via phone: Principal Norah Lycknell  
The meeting opened at 6:05

1. Emily Oliphant gave the report for the student council.
  - A. Upcoming spirit days and review of recent mustache day:
    - February 25, Candy Day, in support of the Willy Wonka production. Dress as your favorite candy bar.
    - History day is coming up in March. Dress as a historical figure.
    - Mustache day was “wildly popular” with a very high participation rate.
  - B. The student council still has \$624 in their budget.

2. Akridge donation decided purpose:  
\$100,000 was donated to Janney by the Akridge construction company (in 2006-2007) as a pledge to the community in conjunction with approval for a building they were putting up at 5220 Wisconsin Ave. The pledged amount will be received between now and 2014. At the time it was pledged, the stated purpose was for a turf playing field. Because Janney is receiving a new playing field with the current construction project, a new purpose needs to be designated. The new suggested purpose is that the pledged amount go towards technology that will support the current curriculum, and between \$10k - \$15k will be set aside for the library for books; electronic or paper.

3. Janney's participation in spelling bees:  
There are two spelling bees in DC. The DC3 Spelling Bee and the District-wide Spelling Bee. The DC3 Spelling Bee is a fun community event with a dinner beforehand and very fun and engaging spelling bee. There is a greater emphasis at this bee on participation than winning. The district-wide spelling bee has historically been more disorganized and higher stress. The winner of this spelling bee is able to advance to a national bee. In the past, Janney has participated in the DC3 bee and opted out of the district-wide bee. Principal Lycknell is going to talk with the teachers for grades 3 -5 (these are the eligible grades for both spelling bees) and find out if there is interest in participating in the district-wide bee in addition to the DC3 bee.

4. Review of Pilot Scorecard:  
All DC public schools are going to have an online scorecard in the future that will be available for prospective students and the community. The committee is to review the current draft, make comments and additions. Please bring your comments to the next meeting written down on a piece of paper that Principal Lycknell can take with her. Principal Lycknell is going to hold a parent coffee to solicit feedback from the parents on the scorecard.

## 5. Enrichment / Clubs Update

We are preparing for the next lunch club period by adding more active clubs to the options in preparation for losing more playground space (which is slated to happen on March 15).

The enrichment program is going well and will stay with an 8-week program run. It is expected that within in a year, it will have sufficient income to pay for the Activity Coordinator's full salary.

## 6. Aftercare Update

The RFP is out with a deadline of March 14. It is posted on the Janney website for all to see and review. There is an aftercare working group composed of volunteers from the Janney community in addition to one LSAT memeber and one PTA board member. If the volunteer working group becomes too large, membership will be put to an election.

## 7. Pre-K Curriculum

The curriculum options under consideration:

- A. Creative Curriculum
- B. Tools of the Mind Curriculum (This is the curriculum that the district is considering adopting. Because Janney is part of the DC3, we have a choice as to whether we adopt it or not.)
- C. Combination of A and B. It would be the structure of the Creative Curriculum with elements of Tools of the Mind.

The goal is to make a decision based on viewing PreK as part of the whole Janney experience.

## 8. Budget Concepts

Budget scenarios and options for the personnel budget were submitted for review by Principal Lycknell. All committee members present weighed in by ranking on paper the top five options and giving the notes to Lauren Rockwell.

The personnel budget will be covered by DCPS. With anticipated budget cuts, it is likely PTA funds might be needed to supplement DCPS funds for supplies and technology.

These budget scenarios and the budget as a whole will be discussed in greater detail once DCPS releases the school's initial budget figures.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marjie Thompson