

LSRT Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Present: Cheryl Olson, Mary Osterman, Shellie Wood, Tawana Franklin, Lauren Rockwell, Norah Lycknell, Jane Malholtra, Camille Anderson, Andy Cohen, Tracy Scarrow, Allison Feeney, Lucy Smiles, and Karen Harris

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Norah Lycknell, Principal.

Jana provided a student council update. The student government is researching the purchase of a Jaguar mascot costume. The school's mascot will be "Jo Jo the Janney Jaguar." Mr. Kovacs may or may not be aware that the students expect him to be inside the costume. The student government candy-gram sale was a success, raising \$150. The student government will also be looking into another sale of the ever-popular Janney magnets.

Ms. Lycknell provided a SIT update. Two pressing issues relating to plans for the modernization are (1) the placement of the gymnasium over the library and (2) landscaping. The gymnasium-placement issue is a serious concern that may require community engagement if OPEFM is not responsive.

Ms. Lycknell advised that Janney's 2010-2011 budget had been submitted to DCPS but she had not heard back yet. Ms. Lycknell will advise when the budget is approved and there will likely be an all-community meeting.

Ms. Lycknell advised that the Local School Plan is in progress and that she expected shortly to turn a draft over to the LSRT for review and comment. She also advised that a parent survey is being developed – based on input from the LSRT – and that a draft might be available for review at the next LSRT meeting.

The LRST discussed issues relating to (1) recess and drop-off/pick-up. Regarding recess, the "default" is that students will go outside for recess. If there are any safety concerns, however, recess will be indoors. Ms. Lycknell will be talking to groups of students about recess – what's happening; what they want; etc. There is a need to assess the recess experience and ensure that no students are having a difficult time. Regarding drop-off/pick-up, drop off worked well despite the snow. There were extra faculty members assisting on Albemarle Street. There was a sense that the difficulties attendant with the snow would serve as a test for when the school renovation is underway. Pick-up was more problematic. The LSRT discussed further staggering pick-up times and other options for improving the pick-up process.

Meeting concluded.