

LSRT Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

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

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

An expected student council update was rescheduled due to lack of news. Ms. Lycknell, however, confirmed that “crazy hair day” will start this Friday.

Ms. Lycknell led a discussion updating the LSRT on the modernization/expansion plans. Ms. Lycknell explained that she did not want to cross lines with the SIT, which has principal jurisdiction over the issue, but there were issues of note for the LSRT. These included issues that warranted teacher input, *e.g.*, classroom location and configuration; pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow; drop-off and pick-up. The LSRT discussed these and other issues, including, in the context of playground-space configuration, OPEFM’s continued reluctance to allow any structures – like playground equipment – on the existing soccer field, which might interfere with future development at the new library. The LSRT recognized the potential need for community engagement on this important issue.

Ms. Lycknell led a discussion on the school’s budget for next year, which is in the process of being finalized. The discussion began with an overview of the DCPS budgeting process. Among the specific issues discussed were Janney’s projected enrollment and the potential addition of a third pre-K class.

Ms. Lycknell highlighted three themes on which the budgeting process will focus: (1) Inclusion; (2) Community Service & Stewardship Programs; and (3) After-School Programs.

Ms. Lycknell – and potentially some LSRT members – will meet with DCPS budget officials next Tuesday, January 26, at 11:00 am, at which time “harder” budget numbers will be provided and other matters clarified. The LSRT will tentatively hold another meeting that evening at 6:00 pm.

Meeting concluded.