

LSRT Meeting minutes
Tuesday, May 18th, 2010
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Present: Norah Lycknell, Cheryl Ohlson, Willa Morris, Jane Malholtra, Tawana Franklin, Lauren Rockwell, Allison Feeney, Shellie Wood, Rennie Anderson, Mary Osterman, Nicole David, Andy Cohen, Tracy Scarrow

Absent: Camille Anderson

Minutes:

Jana Cohn gave the Student Council report:

The talent show is almost here. In addition to the student acts, the student council will be honoring Mr. Hillyer, and they are thinking of naming a wing or hall of the new building after him. They are also selling magnets to raise money.

SIT Update:

The construction company has gotten all the permits and is waiting for the contracts to be finalized. A realistic started date for the fence and start of construction is the week of 15 June, give or take a week. The playground equipment will stay on the field.

Recess:

There has been positive feedback from the students and teachers. Kids overall like the new recess stations and are coming with ideas, brainstorming and lots of energy and creativity. There are also quiet stations for kids who want to read or play a board game. A small number of parents have offered comments – Norah has heard from 3 directly, - and the rest have had a discussion on the list serve. Only 20% of the Janney community is signed up on the list serve, and an even smaller percentage actually post on there, so it is a small representation of the Janney community. The LSRT discussed ways to outreach more, to reach a broader contingent of the parent body, and will be working with the PTA Outreach committee to try and address these issues.

Drop off/Pick up:

The new plan is working well and is a lot safer. The school now has a full time crossing guard at the corner of 42nd and Albemarle to help with traffic control.

LSRT Elections:

The PTA runs this election for the LSRT. There will be an information booth at the Spring Picnic on Friday, and individuals will be encouraged to put their names and profiles into the pool. An election date has not been set yet. DCPS has specific guidelines as to how the elections need to be conducted, and what the representation of the panel is. These are still in draft form, but we know that we will need three new parents for next

year. There will be an effort made to diversify the parent representation, particularly to include out-of-boundary families.

SY 2010-2011:

Class assignments will be made by the teachers and principal, with parents offering input through individual meetings or email. The teacher assignments and student lists will be sent home with the Summer Mailing Packet.

The staff are discussing if they will move to a “departmental” teaming method for 4th and 5th grade – where there are math teachers, English teachers et.c and a homeroom model. This is being done in other elementary school and works well.

Local School Plan:

Norah handed out a draft of some thoughts and questions that she would like feedback on to help guide her in the development of the LSP. LSRT members were asked to review the document and come in prepared to discuss it at the next meeting, in June.