

Ross Elementary LSAT Meeting 1, 2017

Date: September 28, 2017

Participants: Allison Rabin, Nora Rigby, Sujeesh Krishnan, Allison Brody, Shailee Adinolfi, Jillian Atlas, Hannah Konig, Jacqueline Lee, Meghan Pazmino, Teri Huet, Eugenia.

Notes:

LSAT team coordinators

-Allison Brody (Bea's mom) will be Chair of the LSAT – responsibilities include setting the agenda, coordinating with people who are taking on action items from one meeting to the next

-Nora is timekeeper

-Shailee is secretary

-Nora will help us find the community member to support – Evelyn Boyd Simmons is a good option, given her involvement in the Logan Circle community.

-CONFIDENTIAL: DRAFT Comprehensive School Plan shared

-Literacy, SEL, and Math goals were explained.

-We are doing well in the PARCC scores, but trying to improve still to increase level 4 and 5s. Only 5-6 states use PARCC to assess grade 3-8 math performance.

-Allison will sign the comprehensive plan

-Holly shared the strategic plan from Chancellor.

-Six goals – Goal for K-2 Reading: research shows a connection between being on/above grade level in reading by the end of second grade leading to stronger performance in future schooling. There are no guarantees, but there is correlation in the data, thus Ross' emphasis on this goal.

-Goal #6 Re-enrollment is approximately at 85%, the goal is 90%, and we suffer because of 4th grade level attrition

Fillmore

Fillmore has been at the brink of removal/exodus for many years, and we try to save it as an option due to lack of space at Ross, but it hasn't worked. Two years from now, there's a possibility of using the new Stead rec center for Arts/Music/Gym.

-The new Stead Park recreation center is going to be 10-12,000 feet. Kari Cunningham is the president of Friends and Stead Park. They will break ground next October. Nora has been to meetings to advocate for space that Ross can use for activities.

-How budgeting works for Fillmore – Holly gets a full time arts teacher and music teacher allocation, but she has given 1 allocation to Fillmore. In 2017 she gave 2 allocations to Fillmore.

-Fillmore is potentially closing after this year. If needed, we could do one year in between Fillmore and Stead at Marie Reade (potentially).

Francis Stevens

-Ian's mom is on the LSAT at Francis Stevens, so we can have a partnership.

-We've tried to create a bridge to get more Ross kids to go to Francis Stevens....it doesn't have to be just Francis Stevens, but in the past focus on other schools hasn't worked/were viable options, so this year we focus on Francis Stevens. Last year we sent 5 kids to Francis Stevens.

-Let's all continue to think about what it would take to make Francis Stevens a viable option. Consensus amongst LSAT was that the more Ross kids that go there, the more viable of a middle school option it becomes for classes that come in later years, due to Ross kids' great educational background and influence in the school of kids and parents.

-Allison Rabin (Cameron's mom), said she could be the liaison with Francis Stevens. Some ideas that were discussed – could bring former Ross parents, administrator and/or 6th grade teacher that are at Francis Stevens now to Ross to talk about Francis Stevens. Holly's open to 5th grade visiting morning for kids who want to go to Francis Stevens – but better for this plan to be discussed between the two schools' LSATs.

-LSAT group from Ross to go early November to Francis Stevens for a visit to start off with.