

Ross LSAT 2018-19

Meeting Date: Nov. 8, 2018

Time Commenced/Adjourned: 5:30pm/6:45pm

Attendance: Holly Searl, Lisa Juriga, Kelly Gruse, Debra Olson, Kelly Emminger, Neha Misra, Daniel Adler, Kate Gardner, Tyler Hercules, David Alpert (observer).

Apologies: Alex Randall, Sujeesh Krishnan

Agenda item	Notes	Next steps
New start rating system for DCPS schools.	Principal Searl introduced new 1-5 star rating system that will be launched by DCPS early December.	Principal Searl will hold a coffee with parents to discuss once released
Mayor's decision to relocate Banneker HS to Shaw JHS site on Rhode Island and 11 th NW.	<p>Decision announced by Mayor on Oct. 26.</p> <p>Decision impacts Ross families as plans to build a new middle school on Shaw JHS site would not proceed.</p> <p>LSAT members joined call on the issue with DCPS/DME staff last week. They were not clear what the plan is for middle school years. Want to consult.</p> <p>Concerns re. decision making process. Lack of consultation with families at schools flagged to feed to new Shaw MS.</p> <p>Council members (Ward 2 and 6) have voiced support for keeping the site for Shaw MS as have other PTAs and ANCs in the area.</p> <p>Roundtable on issue with Council members scheduled for 11/15. Wilson Building.</p>	<p>LSAT to draft resolution. Key messages. Ross families are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasingly using the SWW@Francis MS feed, happy with it and wish to maintain it. - Critical of the decision to reassign the Shaw site ahead of consultations with the impacted school communities. - Requesting a pause on decision to move Banneker until a MS plan has been presented, consulted and agreed.
MS outreach	<p>Families are thinking about MS choices at this time of year. Particularly 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.</p> <p>Ross 5th grade enrollment is the highest for many years and majority are expected to follow the Ross feed to SWW@Francis</p>	Debra Olson volunteered to lead MS engagement activities (eg. coffee with former Ross parents with MS kids).
DCPS enrollment projections	DCPS projects enrollment next year of 190 compared to building capacity of 175 and current enrollment of 188. See link for details.	LSAT to convene urgent meeting on 11/9 with parents to discuss options in response.
Minutes	Meetings of previous minutes cleared by no objection. To be posted on Ross ES website.	Kate Gardener to post.