

LSAT Meeting Minutes 10/28/2010

Review/Update Current Issues:

2010 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)-

- 18 schools across the city.
- Parent concern about administering to 6th graders. No proper warning, introduction or dialog about the survey. What can we do about it: inform OSSE of our concerns- policy and content. We want a specific procedure for informing admin and parents that they have proper materials to opt out, as well as sample content of survey. Make letter public on listserve to let community know that survey was under unilateral auspices of OSSE, not CHSC admin.
- Action: M. Smith and H Searls to draft letter to OSSE

ACE-

- Hiring freeze does not affect long term subs
- Mr. Eatman is planning to speak to a teacher who is ACE qualified.
- Suggestion: Work towards an accelerated program such as Gifted and Talented or Odyssey of the Mind
- Separate track or part of curriculum?
- Sub group to investigate these issues and look forward: M. Doherty
- Action: Grade specific letter about ACE- content, how it supplements and is aligned with classroom happenings to be drafted when Ms McNair's maternity leave substitute is formalized. B. Eatman and Admin team

Parking and drop-off/pick-up policies at Watkins and Peabody-

Peabody:

- "Please drive slowly, we love our children" signs donated
- Still working on resolving 4th street parking, then will inform parents (include protocols for basic rules/respect/safety)
- Possibility of speed hump on C street
- 5th street going alright

Watkins:

- Don't know where traffic cones are- ask Out of School Time to use some of theirs
- We need to decide on our in-house expectations/desired behavior/traffic patterns and then inform parents.
- Suggestions: school assembly about safety procedures? safety patrol? MPD to reinforce when curbside is implemented? School resource officer?
- Actions:
 - Get cones for drop off service- J. Jackson
 - Draft policy for drop off/pick up- M. Engman

Special education resources and support-

- 1 extra person helping out at Peabody
- Legally mandated- can't affect hiring freeze

Teacher support for Watkins drop-off/pick-up and lunch

- Aide at Watkins is now in place

Possibility of Cluster-wide field trip transportation contract negotiations

- Would like Stuart-Hobson teacher rep to attend LSAT
- Action:
 - Approximate number of trips per campus within 30 miles and also outside the 30 miles
 - Number of kids (buses needed) per trip- J. Jackson

Cluster Communication Strategies- LSAT section being constructed and close to completion that will offer agendas, minutes, and contact info.

Cluster Campus Modernization-

Stuart-

- Biggest issue is available funds. Instead of allotted \$7-8 million for phase I, petition for \$35 million. Need to get money now- lack of tax revenue, have gone over significantly in construction, DCPS will start to scale back so get the money now. Must be quick and organized to request.
- Actions- Confirm years for each campus- 2012 for Stuart and Peabody, 2014 for Watkins?? C. Witt
- Community unity- give schedule/calendar of events- meetings being held. Get PTA involved.
- In next 2 weeks- write letter to articulate our lack of athletic facilities and needs independent of phase I. How quickly can we get funds- they should tell us will probably be \$7 million. M. Smith

Peabody, Watkins-

- Phase I- classrooms, lighting, etc

Montessori expansion and move to Logan-

- Nov. 9 meeting
- All decisions should be made by Dec/Jan so out of boundary process accommodates accurate number of children.
- Make ANC part of this process
- Outreach to neighbors

5th grade return to Watkins and implications for SH and Watkins layouts (Dr. Jackson)

- Ms. Francis will stay at Watkins
- 5th grade teachers moving to Watkins will keep their supplies or get new ones (smart boards, etc.)

Stuart-Hobson Museum Magnet Curriculum Development-

- 1 meeting teachers from Stuart and Watkins, parents, admin
- History and how this may/may not like the same pressures of AYP, restructuring
- Next Steps:
 - What is our vision?
 - How can we infuse that into all 3 campuses. Skills students should be prepared with leading up to Stuart.
- Action- Plan next meeting time L.Glazer

Standardized Assessment and Testing

- School W/O Walls entrance test and SH performance
- Mark Engman: No answer from Mr. Phelps- providing and analyzing data

Next Meeting/s at 6pm at Stuart-Hobson-
November 18th
December 16th