

SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Minutes from Local School Advisory Team meeting of October 19, 2011

Present: Jennifer Pauk, Sherilyn Pruitt, Steven King, Mickey Bolek, Nancy Ulba, Lisa Conner, Jamie Miles, JT Taransky, Robin Brooks, Joelle Michaud, Valena Valentine, Mary Thomas.

The meeting opened at 4:00 pm. Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved.

Dates were reviewed upcoming LSAT meetings, 4-6 pm.: Dec 7th, Jan 18, Feb 15, May 16

Jennifer Pauk will send LSAT minutes to Mark Pattison to be posted on the SES website.

Mickey Bolek was introduced as a new parent representative. Sherilyn Pruitt was nominated and elected to serve as parent co-chair of LSAT.

Discussion of LSAT committees. Ms. Thomas suggested forming active committees on LSAT to have their own goals and objectives. The following committees were formed, with volunteers listed:

Safety and Traffic: Lisa Conner, Robin Brooks, Patrick Grobbel, Steven King, Valena Valentine
Focus: Pick up and drop off and traffic flow; safety patrol, perhaps parents who hang out after school could be asked to volunteer, petition, pledge, student letter writing, invite Muriel Bowser to Dec 7th meeting

Community Engagement: Sherilyn Pruitt, JT Taransky, Patrick Grobbel
Focus: Synagogue is interested in continuing tutoring program, SES has an upcoming open house the last Tuesday in Nov. She would like better promotional materials and a video.

Academic Enrichment: Nancy Ulba, Joelle Michaud, Mary Thomas, JT Taransky, Valena Valentine
Focus: Comprehensive school plan is in process; Issues of parent involvement; initial tests – SES is favorable relative to DC but not where we want it to be. There is a need for information for parents about the new test. Discussion of the newsletters for each grade and making them more parent friendly. Update on the Spanish teacher.

Culture and Climate: Steven King, Jennifer Pauk, Valena Valentine, Mickey Bolek
Focus: retention and recruitment

The committees should meet in November to be able to update the LSAT on goals and objectives and progress at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Pauk, secretary, Shepherd Elementary LSAT