

## LSAT Meeting – January 15, 2020

Committee Attendees: Dominic Ju, Cendrine Robinson, Kristin Baldwin, Liz Bradley-Hayes, Dr. Hedlund, Sara Faulman, Ms. Pethel, Ms. Rottman, Ms. Mack, Ms. Holt, Dr. Leonard, Ms. Brooks

Guest: Anne DeCorte (Specialist School Finance Team; Emily Schneider (Coordinator from School Finance Team)

### I. Budget Office Presentation –

Timing:

- Presenters stated that the budget timeline should be released in the coming week(s).
- They are trying to avoid the release over the February break.

Models of Budgeting:

- They look at projected students. We were off by 2 for this year, so the enrollment projection will be the same.
- They look at each grade level and try to figure out what the class size will be, keeping sizes at around 26 to 28 (depending on grade level)
- If they add a teacher, they add the corresponding funds for that teacher

Language Teachers

- Question was asked about how to ensure we have funds for two world languages
- If something is missing the principal and Instructional Superintendent should follow up on that
- She was not certain about whether the language component for two teachers is in there but is going to look.

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Recommendation

- Set budget meetings for school leadership in first two weeks of February
- They are “happy” to have a convo with principal and Instructional Superintendent

January 23/29 Budget Roundtable Meeting at Brookland Middle School

- Good opportunity to sit down and talk about goals
- They anticipate allocations to be just around the corner from those roundtables
- They should have more information at that time
- Would be a good time to reach out to world language team
- Dr. Leonard can attend with Dr. Hedlund / Kristin Baldwin / Ms. Rottman

## **II. Dr. Hedlund Updates**

Insight Survey → they had 100% participation

- Shepherd made big gains over time in meeting or moving close to meeting the DC benchmark
  - o That said, the benchmark is not all that high; real goal for Shepherd should be higher than benchmark
  - o Spring scores typically dip, but they are what the final ranking is based upon for the CSP
- Discussion about how the data will influence professional development decisions for the rest of the year

Panorama Survey → update from Ms. Rottman

- Email last night – there had been 50 total responses already; which is top 5 for all DCPS Schools
- We got 97 responses last year, which was 31% of family response rate
- Goal is 200 responses, so essentially 60+% responses

Budget Issues

- Funds for IB Membership
  - o We got money for membership
  - o The membership recommends both Spanish and French teachers
- There had been shifts in surplus monies to cover things like OT for custodial and for additional items we always need

Open House Update → there were large numbers of attendees

## **III. Hearings with DC Council (Liz)**

DCPS Oversight Hearing → Will be on 2/19 (during break)

Budget Hearing → Not yet set

There is a parent who will help with messaging

Need to coordinate messaging

## **IV. Construction Update**

Communication has been positive and pretty constant

At the groundbreaking they made a public proclamation that it would be completed by the start of school (August 2020)

## **V. Extracurricular Enrichment**

Ideas such as: math club, or additional music lessons

They would need to find someone to run it and how much it costs

Could it be pilot programmed through the aftercare program? Or independent of the program?