

Minutes of LSRT Meeting of December 11, 2009

P. Eisler presided

Attendees:

N. Atwell
K. Cowden
S. Spooner
D. Nerenberg
N. Atwell
N. Albert
H. Edelman

Hyde Holiday Program

The holiday program will be held next Friday, December 18. The students will preview the program on Thursday. Performances will be broken up; one show for the younger grades at 9:30 and one show for the older grades at around 10:30. The performance will be held at St. Johns.

The event on Tuesday, December 8 – Mr. Kirk Martin – “How Kids Can Have Better Moods and Attitudes.”

1. There was a really good turnout.
2. We posted it to the DC3 collaborative and the 6 schools collaborative websites/listservs. About 80 people attended.
3. Dana wants to do a survey to see what parents liked and why parents who did not attend did not attend (childcare, not interested). She will also ask if parents will attend events like this in the future.
4. Hyde bought a set of Martin’s CDs – we might use them to invite parents to view or allow parents to check out the CDs.

Mr. Ben Price – teacher’s assistant

1. Dana has nothing to report.
2. She will report when there is something to report

Headcount

The enrollment audit determined the official number of students to be 235 – our target was 232.

Budget

1. Wednesday, December 16 – Meeting for budget and LSRTs at Kraemer. Dana will attend. LSRT committee is invited.
2. Purpose is to explain the budget process – DCPS administration will do this.

3. Albert says administration will demand a 5-7% reduction in budgets agency wide – this will affect DCPS. He does not know how this would affect specific schools.
4. We are adding one Pre-K
5. Conservatively, we expect 250 next year.

Hardy Middle School - In the 2010-11 school year, Dana will be the principal of Hardy and Hyde-Addison.

1. Review of facts. There will be a full time on site administrator at Hyde. No formal parent participation is expected but Dana will look into it. Dana would prefer to hire from within Hyde for the administrative post – if that happens, then we would request budget for the position vacated by the new administrator. Dana will make the choice of the on-site administrator. The person must have an administrator's credential. She/he would need a master's degree, to take an exam, and have a track record of experience related to the job.
2. Should we send a letter to the chancellor demanding parental input? – Dana says no.
3. Peter asked, how much time will Dana be offsite to plan with Pope? Dana answered that she will seek input from many sources about the school, not just from Pope. Parents have a lot of questions about the transition and what the schools will look like next year. Should we have a coffee, a PTA meeting at Hyde? Peter thinks we should to avoid rumors filling the vacuum due to lack of information about the change. Dana will put something in the newsletter and maybe have some breakfasts – it will give parents the opportunity to ask questions that might be used to help form her approach to managing the two schools. It is her aim to have the new administrator in place before the end of the year. She thinks we have a long lead time to get things in place for the new regime. She intends to have meetings with Hardy parents and teachers and students and administrators.

Hyde Auction

1. Auction success - \$60,000 – Karen is not sure the number is correct.
2. PTA – Keeps a reserve – they use it to help staff the school for the next year – we commit to have the money for aides up front, before each school year begins.
3. We need to be concerned about maintenance for technology in the classrooms. Mark – our consultant – gets about 3-4K a year.

Middle School Night – Tuesday, January 12th at Key.

Atwell raised a concern about whether parents are getting communications from Dana or the school (electronic communications). Dana said that she would look into it