Janney Elementary School

2023-2024 LSAT

October 17, 2023 6:00 pm

2023-2024 LSAT Members:

Staff and Teachers:	**Parents**
Danielle Singh (Principal) Rebecca Reuter (Co-Chair) Tawana Franklin Mike Barnhart Elizabeth DiCrosta Marquale Royster Meg Hahn Mellissa Modico Gari Nelson	Maureen Perrone (Co-Chair) Natalie Alpert Melanie Douglass Adaeze Eqwatu Rebecca Fertig Cohen Mary-Beth Malcarney PTA Past Presidents*:* Kat Davis Deanna Lizas

Members in attendance: All except Meg Hahn, Melanie Douglass, and Adaeze Eqwatu

Agenda

- Welcome/ agenda overview + call for additional topics (Maureen)

- Upcoming Events (Maureen)
    - Confirming LSAT meetings dates for the remainder of year
    - Ward 3 Ed Net Tonight, Tuesday, 10/17 at 7:00 pm
    - LSAT Collective: 11/14, 7:00- 8:15 pm (teacher LSAT members welcome as well)
    - Janney Talks
        - Debrief from Safety and Security
            - Terrific!
            - Very interactive, wanted to take the community circles ideas to other spaces
            - Format was very welcoming for interaction and feedback
                - A way for all learners to learn and take in information
            - Well organized and engaging, made parents feel like Janney is on top of those difficult questions
            - Circle structure was successful, coming full circle, restorative practices was the first topic at Janney Talks
            - Post talk, need to follow up with Safety and Security Committee

                - Some people wanted to jump into the ‘meat and potatoes’ of the conversation, but they felt better after hearing what was in place
                - If we go hybrid, how can we support engagement on all ends?
                - Becky volunteers as LSAT rep for next Janney Talks
            - Next date: 1/11/2024- Restorative Practices?

- Boundary Study
    - Community town halls recently, city is taking a look at feeder patterns (required by city council)
        - Variety of different factors they look at (school capacity, high quality education, etc.)
    - Talked about priorities, there was no proposal of changing boundaries
    - High schools are unbalanced in terms of enrollment (J-R is overenrolled, one other is at enrollment, other are under-enrolled)
        - Do we renovate or construct new spaces? Balance schools out?
        - Likely that there will be some changes to the J-R feeder pattern
    - Thinking of equity across the city in many ways
    - No current proposal, and nothing directly relating to Janney at the moment
    - November town hall
    - Discussion of HVAC needs (affects Janney and many other schools) as part of the facilities plan
    - Is Janney fully or partially modernized?
        - The renovations happened some time ago (one of the first in ward 3) but we are considered fully modernized
    - Mary-Beth will be a contact for Janney!
- School nurses
    - DC Health has a survey, a place to elevate concerns
    - Staff getting AOM training
    - DC Student health has been helpful as well
- Enrollment Updates (Tawana)
    - Met/exceeded expectations! 687 kids (coming up to 692, new and former international families)
    - Only grade we’re not close to projections is PK
        - Affected by Communikids, St. Albans, St. Columbus
        - New schools catering to that age range are opening
        - Two slots kept open for Early Stages referrals
            - One placed, one slot still open
    - Projected at 100 in 4th but have 107
    - Met 1st grade projection of 114
    - K projections at 124 but we will have 113 as of Monday
    - 5th projected at 93, have 98
    - Others are close to/over the projections

- Preview budget timeline (Danielle)

- Overview of current budget
- What to expect for this year
    - Come out in February, not much heads up and a tight timeline
    - Cost of Living increases will strain budget if it is not increased, last year we had a deficit
    - We have a fairly stable enrollment
    - Some factors contribute to a larger budget
        - English language learners, at-risk funding, etc.
        - Need to make it work with our existing school budget
    - Been supporting a 7-8 million dollar budget, ended with a strong budget for SY 24
    - Bracing for what could be another budget season of planning around a deficit, unsure of what we'll be able to support with this budget
        - Not meant to be scary, not sure of what's happening with our funding model
    - We have a pretty lean team at the top (admin - 1 principal, 1 AP, 1 DSL, having the front office team we do has been very helpful)
    - Instructional leadership
        - We added a part time TLI math intervention
    - Special education
        - We have significantly more staff than is typical, it's a value and priority of Janney, however we almost had to cut one position last year
    - Hoping to get a new partner teacher contract ratified this fall, they're one of the last groups to get one and haven't got an increase in the last several years
    - We had a bump in technology funding this year (new smart boards!!)
    - Can we get the number of position that are PTA funded to get support for the SSF? = 7 additional teachers via PTA funds
        - Mike has something that he got from asking Danielle
        - It's on an infographic!
- Webinars offered by LSAT Collective- Budget 101 and Nuts and Bolts of Understanding and Signing off on your budget
    - They start up in December!
    - Budget subcommittee can come up with what happens if we lost, what happens if we stay the same, and if we get an increase
- Becky Hale has been helpful with budget things (thank you Becky!)
    - Wants to see who is ready to be the next Budget person
        - Tune in next Tuesday for "Janney's Next Top Budget Star!" (7/6 central, channel 4130) <- sorry just having fun!

- Subcommittees (Rebecca) - Table until next meeting (11/14)
    - Finalize committees for this year
    - Identify committee members

- CSP (Danielle)
    - Goals are all going in one document for ease of engagement

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14th, 6:00- 7:00 pm on Zoom

Schedule for remainder of year: December 12, January 16, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11