Janney Elementary School

2023-2024 LSAT

January 23 at 6:00 pm

2023-2024 LSAT Members:

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

Agenda

- Welcome/ agenda overview + call for additional topics

- Upcoming meetings (Maureen)
    - DC LSAT Collective, 2/13 @ 7pm
        - It will be a “butterball turkey hotline” for the budget. Bring your questions to our next LSAT meeting
        - Maureen will attend, email her if want to join and need the Zoom information
    - W3EdNet, Tuesday 2/13 @ 7pm
        - Council Chair Phil Mendelson will present his education vision for the city and answer questions
        - Would be great if we have someone from our team attend. Let us know at our next meeting if you can do this
    - Proposed budget changes advocacy
        - Janney LSAT parents sent a letter to the DME’s Office and cc’d council members. We tired to summarize the themes we had heard during the boundary study meetings (a big thank you to Mary-Beth for drafting the letter) without attempting to speak on behalf of all Janney parents
        - Elizabeth Mitchell has circulated a petition to the Janney community (on the listserv) that is in opposition to the proposed boundary changes. Email Maureen if you want her to forward it to you.

        - We can encourage community members who have strong feelings (pro or against) the proposed boundary changes to Janney to complete the survey on the DME's website
    - Janney Talks (Becky)
        - Next Janney Talk is supposed to be 2/22, but the date may change, so stay tuned for updates. Becky will send an email updates once

- Budget (Danielle)
    - Process, what to expect, questions from team especially new members
    - What went well/ what would we like to change about last year's budget process
        - We will likely have 3-4 meeting in February once the budget proposal drops
        - The budget is usually shared after we have our monthly LSAT meeting, so we will likely need to come together for an emergency meeting
        - Unknown is the timeline but usually drops in February and then submission date is around when we used to have the February break
        - Last year the advocacy of parents groups resulted in the Schools First budget amendment. We do not have any indication that this funding will be back. This question could be proposed to council members (W3EdNet meeting would be a good time to propose this question).
        - Budget subcommittee is putting together a survey for the community re: budget goals
        - Final budgets are publicly available → PD budget comes from Title 2 budget and we sometimes can fund via PTA money as well
        - The bulk of the budget at Janney is around personnel spending. This is because we have an active PTA who raises money for funding for things such as educational supplies

- Subcommittees (Rebecca)
    - Breakout rooms by subcommittee
        - Guiding question: What do you want to achieve together by June and what steps will you take to get there?
            - Subcommittee additions: Mellissa- communication/ engagement, Adaeze- culture of achievement, Natalie- Budget, Marquale- facilities, Gari- Culture of achievement
    - Last 5 minutes: return for report out- share your goal and any action steps you need from the collective LSAT
        - Facilities: biggest concern right now is that the elevator is not currently functioning, Mike shared what is being done to fix this. Goal 1: roadmap for responding to facilities concerns that have not been addressed with a unified voice and in a balanced approach/ tone. Goal 2: Identify protocols for facilities use requests for after 6 pm in a way that is equitable and doesn't put strains on the community
        - Culture of achievement: It means supporting all staff and students to take pride in their work. Create opportunities for more vertical sharing. Action: survey around staff PD, create informal focus group for partner teachers
        - Communications/ engagement: To dos- 1. 12 month calendar with key dates for events and academics, *ALL members: share your feedback on dates in the shared Google Doc* 2. Expanding expectations and putting

more concrete parameters around Buddies for new families 3. Improving engagement with current families who might need extra support 4. Ways to further engage with families when they start at Janney beyond the Buddy System

- Budget: Goal: transparency around budget for the community and community input on priorities if there are budget cuts. Action steps: budget overviews for staff and families, budget priorities survey for staff and families

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 6:00- 7:00 pm on Zoom
Schedule for remainder of year: March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11