Janney Elementary School

Local School Advisory Team (LSAT)
January 8, 2025 Meeting

2024-2025 LSAT Members

Staff Representatives- Robyn Nelson (Co-Chair, WTU Representative), Danielle Singh, Nicole Ugel, Mike Barnhart, Morgan Parent, Luke Kovacs, Jason Jones (AFSCME Union Representative)

Parent Representatives- Melanie Douglass (Co-Chair), Matt Bricken, Christopher Clements, Rebecca Fertig Cohen, Maureen Perrone, William Theodore II

PTA Parent Representatives- Bethany Rose Hanna, Elizabeth McAdam

Agenda

- Welcome/ agenda overview + call for additional topics
  - Principal/Admin Team Update Update
    - Current Enrollment
    - SY25 Projected Enrollment
    - Operations Updates from Mike
  - Gym Rental for Afterschool Activities
  - Updates from W3EdNet Meeting
  - Committee Work
    - Finance & Budget
    - Culture of Achievement
    - Communications & Engagement
    - Facilities
  - Action Items
    - Attending LSAT Collective

Minutes

Admin Team Updates

Principal Singh reported that enrollment is now at 719. Early grades in particular are large with Kindergarten having the biggest bulk. The current projection for next year is 731, which does not include a potential self-contained classroom. There will be a fourth pre k classroom. Space usage in relation to and apart from the upcoming budget release is being planned around.

Mr. Barnhardt reported the school made it through the winter storm ok. Some of the classrooms with a lot of windows on the north side of the building are running cold. The PTA has added funding for rodent abatement. Termanix has been out a few times. Door sweeps have yet to be installed as they wait on the delivery of materials. Finally, in relation to gym use, it was reported that the variety of organizations and their individual requirements in relation to the resources Janney currently has leaves no way to hold these activities in equity.

Updates from W3EdNet Meeting

This meeting was attended by DC Council Chair Phil Mendelson in preparation for the release of DCPS's budget in February. CM Mendelson wasn't able to share much in regards of what to expect and seemed reluctant to share what he did. It was made clear to those Janney LSAT members in attendance that CM Fruman was who we'd want to advocate to on behalf of Janney. There appeared to be friction between the council and DCPS. WTU's new contract passed, DCPS had 120 days to fulfill the contract. Mendelson did offer that there could be course correction on the budget, as in years past- though last year still led to a drastic cut in the budget despite these remedies.

Committees

LSAT members split into four committees for ten minutes. Upon reconvening areas of discussion were shared.

The Achievement Committee was unattended.

The Budget Committee discussed an upcoming meeting between Shirona Role, a Community Action Team (CAT) member (liaison for DCPS), Principal Singh and LSAT Chair Melanie Dogulos in preparation for the upcoming budget release.

The Culture of Achievement discussed pathways forward through a better understanding of initiatives that have worked in the past for achievement and what active initiatives there are right now.

Facilities discussed mice and abatement and begun work on technology policy documentation. Janney will be talking through staff with what they'd like to do in regards to technological use during the day and how to set expectations.