

# Bard DC LSAT Meeting Minutes

LSAT SY 2019 – 2020

Meeting Notes | October 28, 2019 | Faculty Lounge, Bard High School Early College DC

In Attendance: Dr. Vanessa Anderson, Principal; Liana Conyers, Associate Dean of Studies & Dance Faculty; Brandon Dailey, Custodial Foreman; Gabriel Morden-Snipper, WTU Building Representative & Math Faculty; Manika Morgan, PTA President & Parent of 11<sup>th</sup> Grader; Brian Massey, Family & Community Engagement Coordinator; Nakisha Winston, LSAT Parent Representative and Parent of 9<sup>th</sup> Grader; Lynnette Pelzer Brown, LSAT Parent Representative and Parent of 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Graders; Sharona Robinson, Community Action Team Coordinator, DCPS; Tonya Hawkins, Administrative Aide.

Not in Attendance: Sherita Wallace, LSAT Parent Representative and Parent of 9<sup>th</sup> Grader; Courtney Austin, LSAT Parent Representative and Parent of 9<sup>th</sup> Grader; Chenine Dyson, Social Worker; Michael Sigrist, History Faculty; Cassandra St. Vil, History Faculty.

- Meeting called to order by Dr. Anderson, welcoming everyone and initiating introductions
- Sharona Robinson gave an overview of the purpose, function, roles, and responsibilities of LSAT.
- Nominations for Chair and Secretary were opened up to the group. Nakisha Winston was nominated for and elected to the role of Chair. Lynnette Pelzer Brown was nominated for and elected to the role of Secretary. Liana Conyers was nominated for and elected to the role of Backup Secretary.
- Dr. Anderson opened up a discussion of the Community Representative position. Nominations were made for Marshall Pollard, Executive Director of The Creative School; Sharon Shanklin-Browne, President of Benning Ridge Civic Association. Both were elected.
- Chairwoman Winston opened up discussion of the student representative position, and it was decided that the Student Government President would be a member of the LSAT as a part of their duties. Student Government elections will happen before the November LSAT meeting.
- Principal's Update:
  - o Enrollment Update: Enrollment is officially at 165 students, but 3 are pending withdrawals.
  - o Staffing Update: The only staffing change will be that an adjunct faculty will leave at the end of the semester, and a search is underway for either another Art teacher or a Music teacher for the second semester.
  - o Reprogramming Update: While there are some funds available within our non-local budget, there is only \$2647 on our local budget for the remainder of school year, which is enough for all essentials, so there is no money for reprogramming at this time.
  - o School Plan & School Culture Update: Bard DC Administration is working to create measurables and metrics upon which the school will judge itself, and will share that plan with LSAT as it emerges and evolves. Bard DC Administration is also building out positive and proactive behavior interventions to increasingly create the school culture and climate that we all desire.

- LSAT Priorities for SY 2019-20:
  - o LSAT to serve as a conduit for parent concerns: i.e. lack of bells, library not having books, parents wanting a tour, other facilities concerns, etc.
  - o Near- and long-term concerns about facility & location, desire to be included in the process.
  - o Bells, & other systems: discussion of reasons behind certain school decisions, parent comments, advocating for different positions. LSAT will continue discussing these issues at future meetings.
- Next Meeting set: Monday, November 25, 2019, 5:30pm – 7:00pm
- Proposed meetings for remainder of year:
  - o December 16
  - o January 13
  - o February 24
  - o March 23
  - o April 27
  - o May 18
  - o June 15
- Meeting adjourned by Dr. Anderson and Chairwoman Winston at 7:00pm