

# **Bard DC LSAT Meeting Minutes**

LSAT SY 2019 – 2020

Meeting Notes – November 25, 2019 – Faculty Lounge, Bard High School Early College

In Attendance: Dr. Vanessa Anderson, Principal; 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 Chair 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; Sharon Shanklin-Browne, President of Benning Ridge Civic Association; Sherita Wallace, LSAT Parent Representative and Parent of 9<sup>th</sup> Grader.

Not in Attendance: Liana Conyers, Associate Dean of Studies & Dance Faculty; 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 Nakisha Winston, introductions around the room.
- It was noted that at least one teacher who had initially expressed interest in the LSAT was no longer able to participate. The school community will be put on notice that there is a teacher member vacancy, and the teachers will conduct an election as soon as possible.
- Comprehensive School Plan / MOA:
  - o Review of Bard & DCPS's MOA and the accountability metrics therein – PARCC scores, retention / re-enrollment rate, attendance, student survey results, STAR rating, graduation rate, HS growth / enrollment, promotion, etc.
  - o Discussion of nature of MOA, origin and negotiation process, data that we have on hand, data that we're going to collect, what our baselines are and what our goals will be.
  - o Discussion of admissions process, what data we're using to screen applicants, what data we collect in the process.
  - o Request from Chair Winston for data currently available, to share out with LSAT at December meeting.
  - o Request from Chair Winston for a standing agenda item to be Data Update from Bard Administration.
  - o Proposal to come up with strategies to meet those goals at the December LSAT meeting, similar to a Comprehensive School Plan process.
- Enrollment Projections

- Enrollment projections: Bard is working to move number from 330 to 300 based on facilities constraints.
- Discussion about projections for enrollment numbers, issues to consider for the facility in FY 2020/21 to make it work for all 300+ students.
- Discussion about admissions priorities, strategies, for the coming admissions season.
- Safe Passage:
  - Stories were shared about three incidents that have occurred in the first semester, and an invocation to move from talk to action around coming up with a plan to address safe passage for our children.
  - Ms. Shanklin-Browne suggested parents go to 6<sup>th</sup> District Community Meeting, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of every month, at the 6<sup>th</sup> District Headquarters, 7:00-8:30pm.
  - Transportation options were discussed, potential avenues for advocacy, strategies to make sure our students are safe.
- School Culture:
  - SGA is in the process of forming, with elections next week.
  - Many clubs continue to form: Cheer Club, Mediation Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Tea Club, etc.
  - Part-time AD will be hired (through grant funding) to help us craft vision for SY20-21
  - Discussion of lack of school nurse, issues that are preventing Bard from having a nurse, and advocacy that is possible to make sure that happens as soon as possible.
- Facility Needs, Short Term & Long Term
  - Library will be built out for SY 2020-21.
  - Discussion about facilities for PE classes, transportation to nearby recreation centers, how to make it work.
  - Call for a survey and an PTSA meeting agenda item to focus on soliciting suggestions for next year's facilities needs at the Davis building.

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