

Bard DC LSAT Meeting Minutes

LSAT SY 2019 – 2020

Meeting Notes | Jan. 13, 2019 at 5:30pm | Faculty Room, Bard Early College High School

In attendance: Dr. Vanessa Anderson, Principal; Liana Conyers, Dance Faculty; Brandon Dailey, Custodial Foreman; Gabriel Morden-Snipper, WTU Building Representative & Math Faculty; Manika Morgan, PTA President & Parent of 11th Grader; Brian Massey, Family & Community Engagement Coordinator; Nakisha Winston, LSAT Chair and Parent of 9th Grader; Sharona Robinson, Community Action Team Coordinator, DCPS; Tonya Hawkins, Administrative Aide; Sharon Shanklin-Browne, President of Benning Ridge Civic Association; Lynnette Pelzer Brown, LSAT Parent Representative and Parent of 9th and 11th Grader; Anita Gonzalez, Parent Representative and parent of 11th Grader; Dr. Yawa Agbemabiese, Special Education Faculty; Dr. Hany Eldeib, Math Faculty.

Not in attendance: Sherita Wallace, LSAT Parent Representative and Parent of 9th Grader; Courtney Austin, LSAT Parent Representative and Parent of 9th Grader; Chenine Dyson, Social Worker; Michael Sigrist, History Faculty

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Nakisha Winston at 5:35.

LSAT Teacher Representative Updates: New teacher representatives Dr. K. Yawa Agbemabiese and Dr. Hany Eldeib provide introductions.

Principal Updates

- **New Enrollment:** Currently there are 127 applicants for next school year and 62 have interviewed. There are approximately 40-50 students registered for each assessment date and information sessions. Applicants are comparable to last year's data, 632 last year.
- **Entrance Requirements:** The current MOA between Bard and DCPS is in effect for five years. Suggested amendments to current MOA to include requests for social behavior data, attendance record, and PARRC scores were rejected; however, a request for an additional teacher/academic recommendation has been approved.
- **Physical Education:** Mike Battle is hired as part-time athletic director, to address physical education requirements. At this time, Bard does not have any sports teams. Mr. Battle will be reaching out to students and parents to discuss ideas for sports and locations for activities. Gym floor at Benning Recreation Center will be closed until Spring 2021 so it cannot be used for any immediate physical education activities.
- **School Nurse:** Health center has been inspected and passed. Health professional will be provided once 100% of health records have been submitted and verified. DCPS liaison will look into this issue ASAP.

- PARRC Data: 2018 PARRC data reviewed – Average data depicts 50% of students earned a level of 4+ in ELA, 19% earned a level of 4+ in Math 8 and 13% earned a level of 4+ in Algebra. No testing data available yet for current school year. Goals are to raise math scores by grouping students together who work at similar levels.
- Credit Recovery and Summer School: In talks with DCPS regarding recovery credit and funding for 9th graders.
- Hiring practices: Discussion regarding hiring more diverse teachers and recruitment methods being utilized. School is open to more parental involvement.

Teacher Updates

- English teacher leaving at the end of term, interviews are ongoing.
- An Art Teacher has been hired for the Spring 2020 semester.
- Physics support has begun and 11th graders given the option to enroll in Chemistry. Mobile labs will be used during Spring 2020 semester.

Facility Updates

- Work orders have been submitted to DCPS to fix outdoor school sign, LSAT Bulletin Board, and working intercom through the building.
- DGS has been updating the building since speaking to communications engagement specialist.
- Work order for heat throughout has been addressed.

Community Representative Updates

- Community Representative asked to receive copies of all work orders and she will forward them to elected ANC area director to ensure that the work is completed.
- Community Representative will attend the DCPD Commander's Meeting and discuss any safety concerns.
- Community Representative will extend request to retired DCPS teachers to apply for substitute teacher positions.

Budget Updates

- Budget roundtable discussion is scheduled for January 29, 2020.

Miscellaneous

- All participants agree that conference call line is fine to use during times when participants cannot attend the actual meeting.
- An awards ceremony will be held for all students at the end of the school year.
- Parents and students can get together and perhaps approach DCPS to address the issues as well as the admissions process.

Next LSAT Meeting

- February 24, 2020 at 5:30pm