



Alice Deal Middle School Local School Advisory Team Minutes for September 10, 2021 Meeting

Minutes for Deal LSAT Meeting on September 10, 2021 from 7:30 am to 8:30

am Members in attendance:

Diedre Neal Patrick Rottman
Elizabeth Stuart Russell Helsabeck
Keri Sikich Stacey Gathers
Richard Pohlman Marcus Moore
Michelle Vanneman Michael Donaldson
Gwendolyn Washington Nzinga Bamayangay- Massaquoi
Brittany Cuffee Jasmine Vanstory
Jordan Henley Jennifer Murphy

I. Notes from June 4, 2021 Meeting where reviewed and adopted.

II. Gwen Washington will be the Chair for the LSAT for SY 21-22/

III. Principal Neal's Report –

- There was one adult and one child with COVID-19 infections at the school as of September 3, 2021. All DCPS protocols have been followed.
- The return to in-person learning has gone extremely well without any issues. • Deal Middle School had several positions restored including an Assistant Principal, a Business Manager, and a Librarian.
- ESSER funds (federal funds related to COVID-19 public health crisis relief) have filled the gaps in funding for the school's budget. More budget advocacy is needed in October and November because the current DCPS budget model is inadequate to address the budgetary needs of larger schools such as Deal MS.
- The bathrooms at Deal MS will be unisex.

IV. DC Council Public Roundtable on In-Person Learning

- The Deal LSAT is considering the submission of written testimony for the hearing.

Deal's concern is centered on budget issues as there are no in-person learning issues.



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- The Washington Teacher's Union and DCPS are revisiting the Memorandum of Understanding regarding concerns with social distancing issues and the quarantine decision-making process involving 15 minutes or more of contact with a mask or three (3) feet distance and the elimination of contact tracing.

V. Other Updates

A. The next W3EdNet meeting will take place on September 20, 2021.

B. ADCA Report

- The ADCA has had informal advocacy with the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority ("WMATA"). There are have a number of issues with the D buses arriving timely or at all for students.
 - On the morning of the meeting the D31 bus failed to appear.
 - Special thanks to Ms. Neal and Mr. Rottman for assisting students in catching the D buses.

C. Washington Teachers Union

- Mr. Donaldson participated in the school walkthrough. He identified issues with ventilation in classrooms. Mr. Donaldson express concerns about the spot coolers in rooms and expressing concerns regarding plumbing.
- There's a tech plan to ensure 1:1 technology for both teachers and students. • There are concerns regarding the schools hydration plans for students and teachers. Students are supplied with a bottle of water while the school awaits more water coolers.

- There's a concern about temporary chillers as there are problems with one of the Air Conditioning chillers. Specifically, one or more of the chillers in the Reno Building are malfunctioning. There's a need for more chillers as long as the weather is warm.