

## **LSAT – Hearst Elementary School Minutes from 1/27/21 meeting**

*In attendance: Jen Geoffroy, Keri Sikich, Jonathan Topping, Skip Holmes, Elizabeth Stuart, Elke Chen, Emily Olesh, Josh Beraha, Kestaganer Johnson, Shareen Beech, Julia Krahe, Beth Prince*

### Upcoming budget:

Principal Geoffroy has not heard any definitive information about the timing of the process or anticipated gains/losses. She will be given a tentative timeline soon by DCPS.

Principal Geoffroy gave an overview on our DCPS releases budget allocations and then how staff (along with their LSATs) work towards tailoring it for their schools.

Next step for our LSAT: make mock budgets for up to 5% increase and 5% decrease in coming year. Need to factor in growing populations.

### Enrollment:

DCPS has given us a projection of 344 students for SY21/22.

Principal Geoffroy has appealed that projection to 369. She saw miscalculations within the Kindergarten cohort, the ELL cohort and the CES cohort.

DCPS has (thus far) approved these appeals to raise our projection to 354. Principal Geoffroy is hopeful that we may get DCPS to move that number a little higher in the coming weeks. She will continue to advocate for Hearst on the projections issue.

### Term 3:

Hearst has 61 seats available for in-person learning. So far, there have been 45 accepted matches with students. The rest of the seats have offers out and Hearst administrators are waiting to hear from those families. There is a five day waiting period for families to decide on accepting/deferring an open seat.

Here is the breakdown of our current in person rostering:

PreK care classroom: 8 slots, 4 accepted

K-2 care classroom: 10 slots, 8 accepted

3-5 care classroom: 11 slots, 9 accepted

K in-person classroom: 10 slots, 10 accepted

2-5 ELL/CarePlus classroom: 11 slots, 6 accepted

2-5 Students with disabilities/CarePlus classroom: 11 slots, 8 accepted

Principal Geoffroy expects to fill out all these spots with the kids that have the special needs as indicated.

#### Looking ahead:

All term 3 in person staff and teachers have been offered vaccinations. The vaccinations are not mandatory.

Staff availability and the RCS meetings drove our decision to our class offerings. Many families valued consistency over disruption. With the staffing constraints, we could not offer more in person opportunities while providing consistency to a majority of families. These were very difficult choices, we understand that many families will feel dissatisfied with the outcomes.

Hybrid system: the technological challenges remain very difficult. Principal Geoffroy is staying in touch with other schools implementing hybrid systems to see how it goes for them.

More vaccinations could lead to more available staff (given clearance by their medical professionals). Once we have more staff cleared to come into in-person instruction, we can ramp up more spaces for students.

There may also be more outdoor learning opportunities available in Term 4.

The Hearst Student Council and the PTA will try to organize more events for socialization.

We ended with open discussions about what we can do better moving forward. Many families want to get more kids in school.