

## **LSAT – Hearst Elementary School Minutes from 5/12/21 meeting**

*In attendance: Jen Geoffroy, Jonathan Topping, Skip Holmes, Emily Olesh, Shareen Beech, Julia Krahe, Beth Prince, Dawn Gray, Sarah Schiers, Kestaganer Johnson, Carol Baker*

### New funding update

Background: DCPS has received a new infusion of cash from federal sources. Schools were asked to create petitions for increases to their previously submitted budgets.

Principal Geoffroy petitioned for our half-time math and reading specialists to be funded as full-time specialists. She also asked for an additional ELL staff member.

As of today, \$112,570 has been approved. This is the amount needed to upgrade both our math and reading specialists to full time. However, we did not receive the funding for an additional ELL teacher. Principal Geoffroy did not expect to get the new ELL staff member but there is still the possibility that we may get that additional staff if our student composition/needs change going to the next school year.

Hearst will continue to instruct STEM curriculum using our current staffing model. Again, we have prioritized the reading and math support especially given probable learning disruptions due to Covid.

There may still be additional funds coming to the central office of DCPS. These may be used more district-wide (e.g.: an upgrade in technology for all students) but we are not sure how or when that may happen.

### DCPS policy changes

The announcement by the Mayor lifting Covid restrictions will not have any immediate impact on DCPS policy. Principal Geoffroy explained that various agencies (DC Health, OSSE, DCPS) still have to weigh in on these changes and how to best implement them into school communities.

The short answer, nothing can be changed right now. The 3 feet of separation policy is still in effect and that limits the number of kids we can accommodate at Hearst. So, unfortunately, we cannot add more kids to the building at this time.

Things are going well right now, everyone seems to be getting used to the new routine.

## Trailers

Trailers are expected to be delivered at the end of July.

DDOT will issue street closures, etc. to help safely transport the new units into place.

Principal Geoffroy is also working with DDOT to help ensure faculty parking remains prioritized on Tilden Street.