

Washington Latin Public Charter School

PFA Minutes

October 5th, 2021 @7:30p.m.

Attendees

Kate Cromwell, Jennifer Thorpe-Lewis, John Tichy, Ericka Oliver, Sonja Dunn, Crystal Eleby-El, Sonja McCall-Shepard, Caroline Gifford (Director for Strategic Initiatives), Dawn Evans, Bessie Belcher, Lisa Olson, Vanessa Howells, Valerie Lewis Taylor, Tiffany Murrell

<b>Topic 1</b>	<p>Discussion held regarding the admission of “at risk” students. This will most likely include 5<sup>th</sup> grade students only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latin will designate a specific number of seats (approximately 15-25) for students in grade 5.</li> <li>• “At risk” students are those who receive SNAP/TANF, students in Foster care and/or those whose age is above their normal grade</li> <li>• The goal is to have WLPCS be more reflective of the city as a whole.</li> <li>• At Risk students are not known. Their information is kept private.</li> </ul>
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<b>Q &amp; A</b>	<p><b>Q: <i>Sibling Preference versus at risk students...How does it work?</i></b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Sibling preference falls under a different category/slot versus the at risk category. If an at risk student does not get in under their initial category then their seat placement rank then enters the general lottery population. The order of acceptance goes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><i>Sibling of an enrolled student</i></b></li> <li>2. <b><i>Faculty/staff preference</i></b></li> <li>3. <b><i>Matched students</i></b></li> </ol> <p><b>Q: <i>Will there be staff available to assist those students dealing with trauma or those in need of additional resources?</i></b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Yes, Potential problems have already been identified as they currently exist @ WLPCS. The <b>Integrated Services Team</b> (led by Tiffany Beuford) has identified potential concerns and prepared to work with students and social workers both within and outside of the school.</p>
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	<p><b>Q: <i>What is the ratio of Students to Counselors?</i></b></p> <p><b>A:</b> The specific number is not known at the time of this meeting however, WLPCS has one of the smallest student to counselor ratios in comparison to other schools in DC. WLPCS has the means to increase counselors if the demand is needed.</p> <p><b>Q: <i>Is there a system in place for those students with discipline issues?</i></b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Yes. The Integrated Services Team has a plan in place should such issues arise.</p>
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<p><b>Topic 2</b></p>	<p>The second campus location will be @ 711 Edgewood Street NE. WLPCS has signed a three year lease and will be open for the fall of 2022 to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The following year will add an additional grade (7<sup>th</sup> grade). The goal is to find a long term building before the addition of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.</p>
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<p>Q &amp; A</p>	<p><b>Q: <i>What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> campus going to be used for?</i></b></p> <p><b>A:</b> The 2<sup>nd</sup> campus is a temporary location with a signed three year lease. The second campus will house 5th and 6th graders the first year and 7th graders the second year. The goal is to find another building (long term) before the start of the incoming 8th grade class.</p> <p><b>Q: <i>What are the plans for the new campus as it relates to bus Transportation?</i></b></p> <p><b>A:</b> The plan is to have bus transportation that mimics the main campus.</p>
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**GOALS: SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT WLPCS!**

Volunteers will be needed to:

- Strategize
- Attend Events
- Talk to Parents
- Parents will be needed to canvass wards 4,5,6,7, and 8 to **Spread the Word.**
- Identify Community Events
- Connect potential parents to assist with the application and enrollment process

<b>Important PFA Dates</b>	<p><b>FALL FESTIVAL: 10/16/2021 FROM 1-4 PM</b> *This is an all Hands on Deck Event*</p> <p>BYOF (Bring your own Food)</p> <p>Due to COVID restrictions there will be no bake sale, no inflatables and no face/arm painting.</p> <p>Set up is scheduled for two hours prior to the event</p> <p>Clean up 1 hour after the event ends.</p> <p>Fall Festival Ideas included Ping-Pong.</p> <p>This may be an RSVP event.</p> <p>John and Bessie have volunteered to do a Costco run.</p>
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Meeting Adjourned @ ~ 0845 p.m.