

# JULIA LANDON COLLEGE PREPARATORY AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL

**SAC Minutes – 5/5/23**

**Attendance:** Ryan Casey – Principal, Kathy Waller – Vice Chairperson, Gage McManus – Secretary, Gwen Eubanks – School Bookkeeper, Billie Alston – Parent, Michael Bossen – Parent, David Duncan – Parent, Francine Shell – Parent, Twilla Washington – Parent, Alexandria Knoll – Assistant Principal, Marshana Rivers – DCPS School Choice Specialist

**Meeting called to order at 8:30am**

**Introductions:** All present introduced themselves. See above for list.

## **Principal's Report:**

Welcome new AP Mrs. Knoll. She will be with the school part-time (couple days per week) through the end of the school year since she is still working at her current/former school. After June 2<sup>nd</sup> she will be at Landon full time. Mrs. Knoll shared her background. She is excited to be at Landon.

Magnet Numbers –

Mrs. Rivers stated that Principal Casey accepted her challenge and did a great job with recruiting. She also stated that with the new construction, if the property was previously a business or residence then the new residences being built will be included in the attendance area for the school. This could have future impacts on the student population at Landon as all the new construction is completed. The county is aware and watching development.

Currently over 330 on the waitlist (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> combined). Next year there will be 260 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 340 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 260 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Once the large group graduates, looking to keep about 260 in each grade. Administration has a plan in place to fill seats as soon as they hear that a student will not be coming to Landon. With such a long wait list Principal Casey has already gotten commitment from the county to be fully staffed so that we should not be in a situation where teachers will be cut just before or just after school starts. Principal Casey anticipates that hiring should be completed by mid-summer even with transfer requests. There are very few teachers who will be leaving the school this year which will again make preparations heading into next school year simpler compared to this year where there were 14 new hires in addition to the last minute cuts. Currently 1 ESE and 1 teacher are leaving the school for various reasons and there are no transfer requests. There are lots of requests from teachers to come to Landon.

Mrs. Thomas sent out a testing letter to all families this week. The Amazon snack wish list will be shared today.

Testing and End of Year Events are posted on the school calendar. Some highlights:

- ☐ Next week is Teacher Appreciation week. Mr. Casey providing lunch Monday, PTSA providing lunch Wednesday, another group providing lunch Friday.
- ☐ May 23<sup>rd</sup> New Student Night - Hoping to have a Landon graduate who is a social media star speak.
- ☐ Grade Level Awards the last week of school. We are hoping to set-up streaming through Teams so that all who want to may attend. Reminder to disable microphone and video for attendees.

**Elections for Next Year**

New officers:

Chairperson – David Duncan

Vice Chairperson – Michael Bossen

Secretary – Jamie Shachter

Voting was done by paper ballot with a motion by Kathy Waller to accept the ballots as voted and second by Francine Shell. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by David Duncan to approve the minutes, second by Billie Alston. Passed unanimously

**New Business:** Reminder about the Area 16 SAC meetings. Only for dedicated magnet schools due to their unique needs. Mrs. Rivers will always be there so you never have to attend alone. In addition to hearing about what is going on at other school, Area SAC meetings are a resource to learn about upcoming legislation impacting our schools.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held in September. Date to be determined and announced over the summer.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:35.**

Submitted by,

Gage McManus

SAC Secretary

Approval Date: September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023