

Parent Advisory Group

December 13, 2018

Attendance: Gretchen Petersen, Debby Worcester, Amy Davis, and Jen Thorell

Parent Attendance Sheet Attached

Reconstruction Plan

- *Fully approved - 11/1/18*
- *Tuition increased to \$54,848.88*
- *The increase allows for more programing and staffing*

LPS Diploma

- *Communication with DESE has informed LPS that upon High School completion we can issue a diploma*
 - *Two avenues:*
 1. *Certificate of Completion – participation in LPS program*
 2. *Diploma – participation in LPS program and passed MCAS*
- Information regarding the requirements will be communicated to families*
- *Parent Question: Are we moving forward with accreditation?*
 - *Response: Improving our program is at the forefront with the curriculum review underway. Later we will look at accreditation and see if makes sense.*
 - *Parent Information: Not sure if the parents are informed about declining a diploma could be a smart decision, depending on individual circumstances.*

CEO Search

- *Carney and Sandoe have been hired to do a search*
- *Coming to visit LPS*
- *Compiling a profile of school*
- *Committee for search has been developed:*
 - 2 parents – Tracey McElroy and Zandra Zuraw*
 - Staff, and Board Members*
- *Parents will be sent a survey for their feedback regarding the program*
- *CEO start date 7/1/2020*

Transition Program

- *Change of Staff*
 - *Supervisor's last day was last Friday*
 - *Gretchen Petersen is supervising the department until a new replacement is hired*
 - *Unique position –would like to take our time to find the ideal candidate*
 - *Job requirements are bachelor's degree, experience in management and vocation*
 - *Working on improving department, taking to next level*
- *Question: Why are you not looking for someone with special education background?*

- *Response: The Administrator (Chief Operating Officer) has Special Education certification and will be overseeing the department. It is important to have experience with transition to move the department to the next level.*

Afterschool Programs

- *Reduced the charge to \$35 registration only*
- *We are looking to increase participation*
- *Director of Afterschool looking at organizing more offerings*
- *Discussion about transportation and how LPS can help*
- *Deadline for this session 12/19/18*
- *Increasing Performing Arts opportunities – all 3 sessions*
- *Providing more sessions to prepare for performance in June*
- *Enrichment period – will have theatre 4 days per week or students instead of 1, with a performance in the spring*

LPS 50th Anniversary

- *Celebration*
- *Possibly May, 2020*
- *Committee already developed – if others wish to be on the committee email dworcester@learningprep.org*

Star 360 Assessment

- *Bringing standardized testing back*
- *Reading and Math program*
- *Can be done on-line*
- *Start at grade level once answer first question will adjust easier or harder*
- *Can show regression data*
- *Immediate feedback*
- *Provides information for scheduling*
- *Length to administer about an hour per student*
- *Will administer in new year and Spring*
- *Next year Fall and Spring*

Greenhouse

- *Open for business*
- *Selling plants and herbs*
- *Hours 8:00 to 2:00*
- *Flyers going out and ad in the Tab*
- *Get the word out to the community*

Questions: None