

THE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL CAMPUS

LSAT Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2017

Members Present: Percia Williams, Dorothy Douglas, Marianela Castenada, Mein Patterson, Rose Ngacha, Keishia Thorpe, Sonia Nolasco

CHEC Students: Leslie Flores, Cristian Baruca, Emin Castillo, Shamia Wells

Program Presenter: Maria Tukeva

MCIP Staff: George Moorefield

I. Review of February 28, 2017 LSAT Meeting Minutes

Maria Tukeva opened the meeting and introduced the CHEC total budget of \$15.7M for school year 2017-2018.

II. Budget Overview

It was mentioned that the School Budget had a \$584.3K increase from last year, however most of the expenses have increased by at least 10% (i.e. Teachers and Staff salaries).

It was stated that all School must budget for certain positions, the number of students, and the size of the school determines the positions each school's budget is required to have.

Two new positions were introduced; a College and Career Coordinator – dedicated to help students prepare for colleges and careers, and a Pathway Coordinator – dedicated to follow up on students who struggle with attendance and/or grades.

III. Data Points to Drive our Decisions

The Team was divided up into small groups to discuss the survey provided by Principal, Maria Tukeva. Each group were instructed to share one or two major concerns and suggestions that were discussed in their groups.

One student explained that Math should be prioritized in considering class reductions – most of the time students are on different levels, and it is really for only one teacher to have one-on-one time with each student.

Another student noted that reading classes would be a great way to enhance 11th and 12th grade literacy. More than engaging student with this practice, it would enhance their reading skills and expose them to texts that would make their transition to college so much easier.

SGA members brought attention to the need for sports equipment needed to ensure students receive safe training. They also pointed out that money should be distributed equally across sports; they feel like the Football team is too prioritized. A teacher also explained that there is a need to ensure refreshments for athletes during the afternoon.

A parent noted that the Music Department needs more funding. There are a lot of expenses for competitions and not all parents are able to pay for the trips.

One group of teachers raised the idea of creating a Business Academy where classes like accounting, financing could be provided. Also there is a need for life-skills classes that would prepare students for post-high school.

Other suggestions from the group:

Forming Partnerships with various Businesses

Dedicated grammar classes

Special needs programs

#### IV. Other Business

Members discussed data that indicated gaps for ELL and SPED students in achievement in Math & Reading

Referrals and suspensions have declined significantly over recent years due to new programs.