

LIFE AFTER KEY COMMITTEE

Summary of Meeting and Action Items

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Authority and Objective of Committee

- New Committee of Key Elementary School PTA and LSRT
- Gather more detailed information about Hardy Middle School (as official middle school for Key students), as well as other select public school alternatives available to Key School community
- Schools to “study” shall include Hardy, Alice Deal, Washington Latin Public Charter School, Capital City Charter School, City Collegiate [*let me know if I have left some out; my notes say that Lauren might know of another one*]
- Information about Wilson possibly
- Potentially support changes at Hardy
- Eventually, as appropriate after concensus within LAK Committee—reporting to
 - Chancellor’s Office
 - Key/Landeryou
 - Six School council
 - Mary Cheh

Questions to Raise with Chancellor Rhee's office

(Patti Sulser (to handle in coordination with Linda ReVeal if Linda agrees?) with Abigail Smith (abigail.smith@dc.gov) and Peggy O'Brien (peggy.o'brien@dc.gov. Bill Wilhoyte,)

- Plan for Middle Schools generally—which will be IB, arts, maths and sciences and what the standard will be for each school holding itself out as a specialist school
- Out of bounds process
- Plans for Hardy including:
 - Who will be Principal
 - Districting/redistricting—school boundaries for each of the elementary schools feeding into Hardy, Alice Deal etc and explanation of some schools having multiple options
 - Arts intensive program?
 - Feeder school to Ellington?
 - Applications necessary?

Questions to Raise with Each Middle School and Wilson

Each person assigned will contact the PTA and LSRT for the relevant school to find out the relevant information (after informal letter of introduction is sent to the School Admin and PTA and LSRT as a courtesy—possible form for comment attached)

1. Curriculum and Weekly or Unit by Unit syllabus/I or class plans for each Grade (*based on sample to be provided by Bill Bravman?*)
2. Objectives in each class/grade—whether testing thresholds or reading, writing objectives
3. Honors or Academy programs

Assignments/Volunteers to follow up per above

- Linda ReVeal—coordination with Six School Council
- Catherine Stirling/Patti Sulser—coordination with Chancellor Rhee's office
- Alice Deal—Ande McCally
- Hardy—Bill Bravman
- Latin—Pete Kaminskis
- Capital City—Ande and Tom McCally
- Collegiate—Ande and Tom McCally
- Wilson —Julie Scott

Other Assignments

Julie Scott—gather statistics about where Key students have gone for middle and high school

Julie Scott????—find out what other charter schools would be interesting to follow?

Ande McCally—violations/crimes at middle schools over the last few years

Proposed Letter/Email to School Admin.

Dear [Principal]/[Head of School]

I have recently been asked to head a new committee of the PTA/LSRT from Francis Scott Key Public Elementary School. The objective of this committee (currently called the Life After Key Committee) is to gather and post information about public middle school options for Key students. In this regard, we are hoping to contact representatives from your PTA/LSRT for the purposes of gathering the information (which will supplement the information you generously provided at the recent Six School Council Middle School Information Forum we hosted on February 3, 2009). Should you wish us to coordinate this information-gathering exercise through your office, please do let us know.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Cc: David Landeryou, Principal Key School

Paige Chabora and Windsor Freemyer (Key School PTA Co-Presidents)

Bill Bravman, Nick Keenan, Lauren Schramm and Andrew Stirling (Key School LSRT Reps)

Call or Correspondence (prob. Email) to Chancellor's Office

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- Redistricting Plans for the city
- Plan for District of Columbia Middle Schools generally—which will be IB, arts, maths and sciences and what the standard will be for each school holding itself out as a specialist school
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