

**COMMON LOTTERY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2018
1050 First Street NE, 6th floor
2:30PM – 4:00PM**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Called to order at 2:34 PM

Name		Present	July Minutes
Paul Kihn	Deputy Mayor for Education	x	Abstained
Susan Schaeffler	KIPP DC	X (showed up at 2:42pm after July min vote)	
Claudia Lujan	DCPS	x	x
Daniela Anello	DC Bilingual	x	x
Colin Taylor	DCPS	x	x
Hilary Darilek	E.L. Haynes	x	x
Juliana Herman	DCPS	x	x
Hanseul Kang	State Superintendent	x	x
Lenora Robinson Mills	Public Charter School Board	x	x
Cat Peretti	My School DC	x	x

II. July Minutes

The Board approved the minutes unanimously. (PK abstained.)

III. What's New This Lottery Cycle

- PK did a brief bio / intro
- Spaces remaining
 - o Hanseul: asked clarifying questions around what will now be visible
 - o Lenora: Won't list grades that have no waitlists? In this version there is no "0" WL version?
 - o Colin: So you wouldn't show any schools with no WLs, including 0? A: Yes
 - o Claudia: When does it go live? A: Nov
 - o Lenora: By April you won't be posting any more for SY18-19? Is slightly concerned about this; Cat and Lenora will talk offline (Aaron mentioned that we no longer process the application after end of March)
- EdFEST
 - o Daniela: Do you find that schools still want to exhibit or that they're dropping out? Even schools in the common lottery participate?
 - o Susan: Are there any outside law firms? Cat: AJE is the federally funded entity for families and will receive an invite
 - o Lenora: PAVE?
 - o Daniela: Do you have interpretation services available?
- STAR Rating
 - o Lenora: Question re: differentiating where the two links will link to?
 - o Colin: You're removing the equity reports?
 - o Daniela: Never realized STAR Rating would be in the form of stars!
 - o Claudia: STAR ratings will go up in November or December?
 - o PK: Will public launch be timed with launch on MSDC.org?
 - o Susan: Was anything like this on last year's report card? Cat: raw PARCC scores; Susan: Parents won't understand the STAR rating. Did we vote on how it would be displayed on MSDC.org? We don't know our own STAR ratings yet. (Hanseul: we're still validating the data; you'll get results shortly after Nov. 1); Susan: Wonders if this is not the year to roll this out; Cat: It's going to be displayed before the lottery application opens
 - o Claudia: This is not something we voted on (the placement of the stars)
 - o Colin: There wasn't a vote on pausing a year on displaying on the MSDC site, similar to what Susan is saying
 - o Hanseul: We've developed a suite of information for parents and schools; schools will receive their info material in a few weeks; parents can click on OSSE.dc.gov to see parent info sheets
 - o Susan: Where will it be placed on the profiles?
 - o Claudia: Where will it be on the School Finder?
 - o Daniela: Will the STAR rating be in the directory this year? No. Charter tiers and PARCC scores.
 - o Susan: I think this is a big change (Cat: PAC voted on this); Claudia: I agree with Susan; there wasn't a space for the CLB to vote on this or discuss this; Claudia:

- Agrees with PAC weighing in on this, but wonders if this is the right year because parents won't really understand (both Claudia and Susan are concerned that parents won't really understand the rating when schools don't fully understand it)
- Susan: Us folks running schools haven't had the chance to process how this will impact our own schools; she has predictions about who is a one star and who is a five star but how will parents process this
 - PK: I personally hear you and have the same concerns, the compelling argument to include is that there's going to be a huge inequality to access if we don't since it will exist in the city
 - Juliana: STAR rating pulled out of the contextualization of a report card is going to be hard to process / understand for schools and families
 - Cat: We will keep the PARCC scores in the profiles
 - Susan: How many schools participating in the lottery will have a STAR rating?
Cat: IDK
 - Lenora: Parents will be frustrated if there's a STAR rating framework and the stars aren't on the page
 - Hilary: I disagree that putting the stars so visibly is a good idea; feeling super anxious about this information being made public and how to help our families understand this information
 - Daniela: The schools that are going to be most worried are those with low ratings; also asked Hanseul if there are going to be live parent engagement sessions where parents can ask questions
 - Lenora: Did you think about having something on your site to fully explain STAR? Cat: We will add a FAQ section on our site
 - Susan: Is really worried about how parents will act with this information;
 - Hanseul: We've heard from parents that they need this information to make choices but also to help improve their children's schools who may be rated lower; our goal is to help parents and schools use this information for improvement
 - Cat: Maybe we want to fold MSDC into the report card; Susan: Concern is that schools have a fair shot of explaining why their lower star school is great. Does it have to be so front and center on the profiles?
 - Claudia: I think the hotline will get a lot of questions and would love to see what the standard language is and scripts that they'll use to answer the questions
 - Cat: I can bring that back (the types of questions we're getting and how we're answering)
 - Daniela: Will there be a press release? Date? Hanseul: There will but don't know the date yet (likely first week of November); Daniela: We'd like to work with our parents and staff so that they know how to communicate about this with each other and families
 - Hanseul: You'll have your embargoed data by mid-Nov.
 - PK: Takeaways: (1) Incorporate in MSDC "how should I use this STAR rating?"; (2) As a board, see if we can have a second shot with the parents who decided this to see if we can re-raise and address with them to see what they see if this is possible
- New MSDC Participants
- Susan: Are the DCPS schools all new magnate schools?

IV. Preferences

- Lenora: When did it actually become a legislated preference? Does the Chancellor's directive ever expire? (Claudia: No)
- Daniela: What's the board's role with respect to lottery preferences? Feels very strongly about the at-risk preference. They're losing at-risk students. Is interested in talking more about this preference and wants to know what the process is to be brought up again as a viable preference. Cat: If there's legal authority for charters to have this preference, that can help kick off additional research; Paul: Guess is that in the very short-term that there will be a working group to continue this discussion; Claudia: I would totally support that, there's a lot of interest in the DCPS side, we're thinking of doing something akin to this with Stevens, think it can be a great cross-sector collaboration; Susan: Can't DCPS do this with magnate schools? Claudia: Yes, with selective and citywide; Daniela: What does "the legal process" mean?
- Hanseul: I agree fully in principle; but I do want to flag that the big takeaway from the MSDC paper is that unless we put at-risk above sibling, it won't have a big impact
- Cat: Next step would be to study new approaches; Aaron is leaving MSDC
- Lenora: military preference – JBAB is constantly trying to figure out how to incorporate military preference for families that come in throughout the year; Cat: Another question is whether charters are willing to offer a military preference? There was light interest from Achievement Prep and that was it (only asked the schools in the nearby periphery of JBAB); may be worth re-asking to see if this preference would actually have the intended effect on military families

[PK left at 3:40pm]

V. Applying to High School

- Hilary: I share the effort of helping kids understand the lottery process more and the transcript review more
- Daniela: How many students go to EdFEST to research schools themselves?
- Cat: Welcomes feedback from the board on how we can help families and students navigate the transcript review process better.

VI. Three Year Update on Five Year Strategic Plan

- Daniela: Are we hiring for Aaron's role? Your team is small as it is; want to be cognizant of what you're looking to dive into as it seems like a lot of work

VII. Mathematica Research

Ended: 3:55pm