Notes from the Lowell Community Relations Council Meeting
Prepared by Lowell School
January 16, 2024, 6:30 pm
By Zoom call

In Attendance

- Chris Ginter (Lowell)
- Sharon Giles
- Columbus Giles
- Paula Edwards (ANC 4A)
- Cynthiana Lightfoot
- Laurice Redhead

Old Business

- No advancements have been pursued on the Fraser site.

Lowell Update

- **Regarding Lowell's on-campus programs:**
  - Then annual Bazaar was delayed by weather, but was quite successful on it's rescheduled date. In addition to our usual array of rides, games, friends, and food, this year's event included live musical performances by a number of alumni.
  - Book Fair took place in November.
  - Fall athletics wrapped up in November. Our cross country team again met with particular success, able compete and win against any middle school program in the area. An 8th grade student won the boy's city championship.
  - Winter athletics seasons are well underway. Lowell offers 4 middle school teams and 4 primary school teams. Travel and developmental teams for boys and girls at each level.
  - Teams practice 2-3 times per week, depending upon age, and compete against area schools. MS travel teams participate in a MS basketball conference.
  - Lowell rang out 2023 with a series of events showcasing the skills and talents of our students to parents and other guests.
  - Admissions for admission for the 2024-2025 school year are up by about 40% over the previous year. Current enrollment is 332. Zoning allows for a maximum of 400.
  - Lowell hosted a well-attended alumni event recently, during which we showed off our new recording studio. The studio is part of our dedicated maker space.
  - Work on Lowell's accreditation by the Association of Independent Schools of Maryland and DC (AIMS) has been a large focus on campus. The accreditation committee will visit campus for 3 days in the spring.
  - Lowell is grieving the loss of a teacher and coach who passed away over winter break.

Traffic/Neighborhood Agreement

- Lowell is working to enroll facilities team members in American Traffic Safety Services Association coursework which will allow them to operate as legally authorized traffic control officers.
- Paula Edwards has spoken to resource officers from other schools in search of some ideas for locating traffic control services and will make a connection with an MPD officer who may me of assistance.

New Business

- To a question from a neighbor, Lowell stated that its aging video camera system is being replaced, including re-locating of a few cameras and the addition of a few new cameras.

- The Shepherd Park Civic Association annual potluck will be held on January 28 t the Ethical Society from 5-7 pm. All are welcome. Please bring a dish that serves 4 people.
- Lowell was asked to share any good or interesting news that might be shared on SPCA's social media.

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Upcoming dates of interest

STEAMFest	March 16
Grandguest Day	March 22
Spring Break	March 23-31
Fundraising Fete	April 20
Last day of school	June 6
Graduation	June 7
Summer camp session 1 begins	June 17
Summer camp session 2 begins	July 8
Summer mini-camp session begins	July 29

Upcoming meeting dates

- April 9, 2024
- July 9, 2024
- October 8, 2024
- January 14, 2025