

# Dennis Staff Meeting Questions June 19th

- "How does this affect the climate and culture of Dennis and the k-8 style and work we have done with PBL and BIST?" Allison Brinkoetter
  - FAQ: "Creating climate and culture is the responsibility of the building administrators — they will be tasked with working to continue the climate and culture, regardless of location."
- "What about art and music?" Deborah Sonder
  - FAQ: Not answered
- "What is the plan to put Dennis back in one k-8?" Allison Brinkoetter
  - Answered in FAQ / Part of long-term planning
- "How does this affect work load of teachers for the upcoming year? With zero math and limited science teachers at sdms ...?" Allison Brinkoetter
  - FAQ: Not answered
- "Are there questions being asked that we can't see so that we do not ask the same?" Penny Jones
- "What is the wednesday meeting? O haven't seen any announcement about a wednesday meeting." Phillip Winecke 10:14
- Several questions about payment during moving: Answered in FAQ / being discussed with unions
- "Does the Garfield location have a set of playground equipment?" Keith Creighton
  - FAQ: Garfield does not currently have a playground; however, the DPS Buildings & Grounds Department is working to address this issue in the near future.
- Anonymous Attendee: "It's better to not be condensed it shows you are hiding and driving the narrative to fit your story"
- "Going before the board on the 27th then. No extra board meeting" 10:15 Phillip Winecke
- "Will SDMS have 2 nurses, will the GLA nurse move with Alt?" Tiffany Hart.
  - FAQ: Says nurse locations are TBD
- "Is the special boe mtg this weds at 6:30 at MHS?" Chrissy Petitt 10:16
- "What will be communicated to parents and when? Do we hold this information or share?" Keith Creighton 10:16
- Anonymous Attendee: "When is the DEA going to meet with us? We haven't heard from them? If they are supposed to be bargaining for us.. when will they reach out to us so we can let them know what is most important to us and what we want?"
  - FAQ answers "When will our union leadership meet with us?" saying "Reach out to your union leadership to determine this. We will keep them and the staff informed of next steps."
- "Will both Calm/CARE room teaching assistants go to the temporary location at Garfield?" Loehr jloehr@dps61.org
  - FAQ: "This is yet to be determined, pending the final location for Dennis staff and students."
- "If we have questions that occur later, what is the best way to submit or communicate those?" Keith Creighton
- Anonymous Attendee: "Will dennis teachers be teaching just Dennis kids? Or are you going to use us to fill empty vacancies at sdms to knock down the number of teacher vacancies in the district to make numbers look better"
- "When will DLS families receive this information?" Tiffany Hart 10:21

## From the FAQ:

- What and when will all this information be communicated to parents?
  - Robocall, email, and text went out to all Dennis families Monday June 19, 2023, regarding the special board meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 21. We will continue sending robocalls emails and texts to families regarding upcoming meetings and post regular updates on the Future of Dennis webpage.
- How will staffing work for specialist/Encore teachers? What about Special Education teachers?
  - This is yet to be determined, pending the final location for Dennis staff and students.
- It sounds like the classrooms at the Garfield location will be for grade-level classes only. Is the plan for Encore teachers to be on a cart and move from room to room? (Keith Creighton asked during 19th meeting)
  - With the limited space available at Garfield, it's possible that Encore classes will not have a permanent location. This will be determined, pending the final location for Dennis staff and students.
- "What classrooms will be used for Alternative Education at Stephen Decatur?"
  - A wing of SDMS will be sectioned off to create a self-contained section specifically for the Alternative Education program.
- Will all Dennis students be bussed to the new location(s) for the 2023-24 school year?
  - Yes. Transportation is currently working on bussing.
- "Garfield classrooms and the modular classrooms are air conditioned."
- NO LONGER APPLICABLE: Will Dennis still have its own athletic programs?
  - This is yet to be determined, pending the final location for Dennis staff and students.
- Dennis was supposed to gain a second principal to provide better coverage for the dual campus concept — will that still happen?
  - This is yet to be determined.