

ISU Laboratory Schools
Laboratory Schools Advisory Council
University High School, Library
August 13, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/93037439346>

LSAC Members:

Liz Austin (end term 2026)- T
Megan Bozarth (end term 2026) - P
Christine Chiodo (end term 2027)- T
Meredith Diaz (end term 2025)- P
Mike Jones (end term 2026)- A
Heather Marshall (end term 2025)- P
Kathy Murdoch (end term 2027)- P
Ryan Scritchlow (end term 2027) -P
Jeremy Wilcox (end term 2025)- P

Tim King, Booster Representative- A
Lyndsey Carney, PTO Representative- P
Katherine Smith, Faculty Representative- P
Andy Goveia, Faculty Representative- A
Antonio Causarano, ISU Representative- P
Anthony Jones, Director- P

I. **Call to Order** Anthony Jones at6:05 pm

II. **Roll Call** (see above)

LSAC Purpose

1. To assist the superintendent in maintaining a viable relationship between the Illinois State University Laboratory Schools and the University, community, and State regulatory systems
2. To provide recommendations regarding both short- and long-term goals of the Laboratory Schools
3. To promote parent and community representation on committees as determined by the superintendent
4. To provide a liaison between the administration, faculty, and parents of students attending the Laboratory Schools

III. **Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting**

A. Discussion

B. **Approval of Prior** [Regular Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2024](#)

- Motion: Jeremy

- 2nd: Kathy

IV. Announcements

A. Family Forum dates

1. U-High: Monday, November 18th 7pm -8pm at UHigh Library?
2. Metcalf: Monday, February 24th 7pm -8pm at Metcalf Imaginarium?

B. No formal State of the Lab Schools Address

Dr. Jones to embed goals throughout his communications this year and address during Family Forums.

Two year gap in posting the Annual Report. Goal is to post again. Data and information shared is usually a year behind. LSAC members will receive a copy.

C. SY 2024-2025 New Hires

1. Shelly King, Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP)
2. Mary-Kate Hanson, HILIA
3. Michele Trueblood, HILIA
4. Carrie Young, HILIA`
5. Ginnell Barke, MTSS Interventionist at Metcalf
6. Shiann Papandrea, 7th grade ELA at Metcalf
7. Ashton Davidson, 1st grade at Metcalf
8. Paulina Dubrowska, English Teacher at U-High
9. Daniel Provis, Chorus/Vocal Director at U-High
10. Micah Bradshaw, Social Science at U-High
11. Abigail Cash, English at U-High
12. Mike Shanley, Social Science at U-High
13. Brian Rohman, Interim Assistant Principal at U-High
14. Ian Guthrie, Office Assistant at U-High
15. Kathryn Bouman, Athletic Office Assistant at U-High
16. Emma LaMotte, Social Worker at Metcalf

D. New School Policies/Public Acts

1. [Racism-Free Schools Law \(Public Act 103-0472\)](#)
2. [Bullying Prevention \(105 ILCS 5/27-23.7\)](#)
3. [New Regulations for Title IX](#)

Goal is to post these online to increase transparency.

Clarifying questions to item 1: what is the purpose? Will founded/unfounded be included?

Q (Kathy)- is there any way to show the changes to the handbook so parents can see what has been changed?

Kathy noted one of the changes to the Metcalf Handbook was the addition of Emergency Suspensions. Dr. Jones stated there have been several conversations with General Counsel regarding specific situations. OEOA can be involved; long process.

Q (Ryan)- of these three public acts, where do you see the most problems? Dr. Jones spoke to his experience entering his role as Director. Dr. Jones discussed challenges with situations involving minors under the university system.

Q (Liz)- does this apply to Staff? Yes.

VI. Reports from the Director

A. Laboratory Schools Vision Statements Feedback

VII. Open Discussion

a. Dr. Jones shared work from Lab School Staff: Six Critical Beliefs/Six Visioning Statements. Feedback request.

- i. Ryan- in reference to #1- How are the (relatively small) Lab Schools supposed to change the narrative of public education? Discussion followed: contradictions, new Dean of COE, ISU Strategic Plan
- ii. Vision Statements sound great, but how will this be implemented?
- iii. Kathy is grateful parents are being included in the visioning process. Kathy requested time to think through and submit feedback.
- iv. Liz- was this all staff or a small group? Small group. Are these critical beliefs based on feelings or data?
- v. Discussion continued
- vi. Dr. Jones provided a sheet and requested feedback by Sept 3 from all LSAC members. CC will create a Google form and doc to send to all members.
- vii. Q: Time frame?
A: Dr. Jones would like our vision work to be meaningful. The vision team will continue to meet with Dr. Jones this year. The end goal will be to align Metcalf, U-High, and DeGarmo.

b. Meredith- concern about enrollment numbers

-Dr. Jones will connect with building Principals to get current numbers

- b. Nominations for committee positions- (KM motion) chair:JW, Asst Chair- MB, Secretary- CC
 - i. MD-second
 - ii. discussion- none
 - iii. passed
- c. Discussions:
 - i. Excitement after the July LSAC meeting was high due to the committee hearing that parents were welcomed back into the building and partnerships.
 - 1. Metcalf move in feedback was not great due to families not given much time, those helping families were not friendly and acted like they did not want to be there, parking was very difficult (even those who arrived at 3 to many cars left in the back lot still), lack of signage or maps, families showing up expecting to work on lockers when some were not assigned, maybe more clear communications about the evening
 - 2. Suggestion-The freshmen experience extended to the parents to allow families to get to know the school, layout, more than just a new parent meeting-involving parents in learning the school
 - 3. Parents coming in for lunch at Metcalf are still being told NO→ Dr. Jones will look into the class sizes and safety #'s
 - 4. Q-what is Metcalf's target numbers? Why are the class sizes not going down, but adding members.
 - a. Dr. Jones will get back to us on this
 - b. capacity- our children's safety is always first per Dr. Jones
 - ii. Resolve issues faster. Dr. Jones wants to address issues quicker and not wait. Please email, call, or text Dr. Jones when there is a question or issue you are concerned about.
 - iii. Q-Did ISU get the playground out for bid?
 - 1. No, held up in purchasing
 - iv. Concern that Metcalf pickup/drop off is not going well, very long lines and waits

VIII. LSAC Meetings for FY 2024

- 1. Dates: September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th, January 14th, February 11th, March 4th, April 8th, May 13th, & July 8th
- 2. Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- 3. Location: UHS Library or via Zoom

IX. **Next Meeting Date:** September 10th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

X. Adjourn @ 7:33 pm