

**LINCOLN SUDBURY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
MINUTES  
September 16, 2014**

**7:30 pm**

**Conference Room B**

**Present:** Radha Gargeya, Chair; Elena Kleifges, Vice-Chair; Nancy Marshall; Kevin Matthews; Patty Mostue and Gerald Quirk.

**Also Present:** Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Patrick Collins, Business Manager; Virginia Blake, Curriculum Director; Shawn Lingley, TA Co-President; Tara Mehta and Chris Knightley, Student Representatives; Rick Johnson, Sudbury resident.

**Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was requested to approve the Minutes of June 24, 2014. Patty Mostue moved to approve the minutes, Kevin Matthews seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A motion was requested to approve the minutes of July 11, 2014. Nancy Marshall moved to approve the minutes, Elena Kleifges seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Presentation**

Virginia Blake, Curriculum Director

Ms. Blake presented a PARCC Update to the Committee. There is a deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup> for schools such as L-S to accept or refuse PARCC testing for the present school year. L-S students currently take the MCAS tests which are a requirement for graduation. To add the additional testing required by PARCC

would add an additional 18-26 hours per year per student in grades 9-12. The total testing time requirements would be 54-78 hours per student during their high school career. On the testing dates, the school day would be shortened for all students to accommodate the testing. Bella Wong, on behalf of the LS faculty, recommended that LS NOT pilot PARCC in this school year because of the resulting loss in instructional time and because PARCC will not be required of any student currently enrolled at LS. She further recommended that the School Committee proactively address the Massachusetts Department of Education regarding concerns that the loss in instructional time, costs associated with administering the PARCC pilot, and the incremental benefit of additional information to the district.

The School Committee will consider this recommendation and vote at the September 30, 2014 meeting.

Virginia Blake reported on the ED&E (Educational Development and Evaluation) Program at L-S. The funds that support this program are provided as part of the Teacher's Association Agreement for workshops for Faculty. This summer's ED&E workshops focused on school goals, core values, technology applications, access to equity and excellence, and global competence. New initiatives will be writing and the common core, mentoring new teachers, fostering a love of reading in students, and incorporating mindfulness into the classroom.

### **Public Comment**

Rick Johnson inquired about the process the administration undertakes when there are concerns for student safety. Bella Wong responded that the administration was diligent and timely in safeguarding the safety of all L-S students. She

further recommended that Mr. Johnson refer to the Discipline Code in the Program of Studies and online at the L-S website.

### **Recognitions**

Ms. Wong recognized the work Kevin Rossley has done in keeping the solar canopy project on schedule. The initial days of school went smoothly thanks to parents and students who carpooled, and thanks to the efforts of the Buildings & Grounds Department, Jason Medeiros, and the campus aides in guiding traffic at beginning and end of day.

The METCO department was recognized for welcoming the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders and families as well as other students new to the program. There are 31 students new to the program at L-S. Thanks also to Sandy Crawford, West Housemaster, for organizing the hiring process for the Interim METCO director. Steve Desrosiers has been hired for this position.

Byron Crane was recognized for completion of the Softball dugouts which was part of his Eagle Scout Project and was finished during the summer.

David Hosford, History Teacher, and Maureen Bolton, Science Teacher, were recognized as most influential teachers for two L-S students who are attending MIT.

Tom Danko has been invited to attend a workshop at MIT's Dalai Lama Center in October. He will be accompanied by 3 students and Housemaster Sandy Crawford.

Ms. Wong expressed her appreciation of the work done by Dave Walsh, Nancy Errico and Dennis Phillips in providing

oversight and support for the technology work which was completed over the summer months.

Thanks to Chris Herbert, Jeff Mazza, and Amanda Klein for organizing First Adventure for the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Thanks to Ken Kimura and Allison Richardson for organizing the FYI program for new faculty hires.

### **Student Senate Representative**

Chris Knightley and Tara Mehta, Student Senate Co-Presidents, reported that the Student Senate is informing 9<sup>th</sup> graders about work done by Student Senate and encouraging candidates from the 9<sup>th</sup> grade for elections to be held in early October.

### **TA Representative**

Shawn Lingley reported that school was off to a good start. Teachers have returned refreshed, rejuvenated, and energized and ready to put into practice what they have learned over the summer months in ED&E Workshops. Mr. Lingley reported that students seemed very upbeat this year.

### **Chairman's Report**

Radha Gargeya also thanked Nancy Errico, Dennis Phillips and Dave Walsh for their work in support of the technology upgrade which has produced a noticeable upgrade in the speed of L-S internet. The Solar Canopy Project is proceeding in a timely fashion thanks in large part to Kevin Rossley coordinating with SunEdison.

The School Committee has five goals for the coming year: deciding on the PARCC pilot test, negotiating with the Teachers' Association for the new contract; supporting coordination with Sudbury Public Schools and Lincoln Public Schools so that students transition smoothly to L-S, a review of

class size and teacher loads at L-S, and how best to incorporate current technology to enhance learning and to replace existing servers.

### **Liaison Report**

Elena Kleifges reported that the Vocational Educational Committee will be meeting soon to make a recommendation to the Sudbury Board of Selectmen regarding Sudbury's membership in the Minuteman School. Twenty students from Sudbury are currently students at Minuteman.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Bella Wong introduced Patrick Collins, Interim Business Manager and asked him to provide current updates. Mr. Collins reported that the technology upgrade has resulted in a more reliable speed and capacity. There are now 182 wifi access points spread throughout the building. Contractors have been very responsive to "bugs" in the system. The Solar Canopy Project is scheduled for a mid-October completion. Staff members are being trained to manage the software controlling the new operating system which will result in energy cost savings.

Bella Wong reported on the opening days of school which have gone very well. She has had an opportunity to address 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents and knows that there were many positive comments on the house meetings that followed her address. Concerns about limited parking have been addressed by the work done by Buildings and Grounds to direct traffic, by increased bus ridership and by carpooling. It has been gratifying to see the L-S community work together to make the best of the current limitations.

Discussions have begun within the departments at L-S concerning technological needs for the coming year for budgetary purposes. Faculty have benefitted from the ED&E workshops held during the summer and hope to incorporate what they have learned and discussed together into the classroom and L-S community at large.

Massachusetts Secretary of Education Matt Malone visited L-S on September 9 for a tour of the building and a visit to a number of classes. He enjoyed his visit and hopes to return for a subsequent visit if his schedule permits.

Staff have begun wearing ID badges to make staff more easily identifiable. It is not mandatory but highly encouraged.

The Town's 375<sup>th</sup> Birthday was a success and thanks to Buildings and Grounds for supporting the Town of Sudbury's big day.

### **Information and Discussion**

Nothing to report

### **Action Items**

Field Trip approval for Girls' Hockey was requested. The Girls' Ice Hockey Team will compete in Martha's Vineyard on December 6-7, 2014 accompanied by 7 adult chaperones. Elena Kleifges moved that the School Committee approve the field trip request for the Girls' Hockey Team on December 6-7, 2014. Nancy Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Business Manager presented Warrants to be signed by members of the School Committee.

## **Calendar**

Rosh Hashanah	September 25, 2014
LS School Committee	September 30, 2014
Back to School Night	October 1, 2014
Warnings	October 6, 2014
LS School Committee	October 7, 2014

## **Adjournment**

Radha Gargeya requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elena Kleifges moved to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Francy Zingale