

**LINCOLN–SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
September 29, 2015**

**Present**

Elena Kleifges, Chair; Kevin Matthews, Vice–Chair; Radha Gargeya; Nancy Marshall; Patty Mostue; Gerald Quirk

**Also Present**

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Peter Rowe, Interim Director of Finance and Operations; and Allison Richardson, TA representative.

**Call to Order**

Elena Kleifges called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion from Gerald Quirk and seconded by Radha Gargeya, the Minutes of June 16, 2015 were approved. All were in favor but Nancy Marshall who abstained.

On a motion by Gerald Quirk and seconded by Nancy Marshall, the minutes of September 15, 2015 were approved. All were in favor.

**Presentation**

There was no presentation.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Recognitions**

The Girls and Boys Soccer programs participated in the annual Kicks For Cancer Event on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at CCHS. The Varsity and Junior Varsity girls and boys played against Concord–Carlisle. All funds raised at the event went to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute to support women’s cancer research.

Two years ago, the LS Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team started a fundraiser by selling bracelets that had been made by Ugandan women. They worked tirelessly to continue to raise money for this cause and their hard work came to fruition this summer. The money raised provided the goal posts and scoreboard on the FUNDaFIELD soccer field in Kiboga, Uganda. The field is well maintained by the village. In August 2014 and July 2015 tournaments held on the field are the most exciting thing to happen all year in Kiboga and surrounding villages. Submitted by LS parent Sandy Storer who visited Kiboga.

An Introduction to Connections is being held this evening in the Cafeteria for LS parents. The purpose of Connections is to empower parents to play an active role in conversing with their children on substance use and abuse. Connections provides a safe place for parents to come together to share successes and failures, to learn from one another, to hear speakers who will address strategies for successfully dealing with the subject of substance abuse, and to share links to local resources. This evening Chief Kennedy from Lincoln, Chief Nix from Sudbury, and Peter Elenbaas, Athletic Director, will address the parents. Ultimately, the goal of Connections is to "connect" parents to the school and engage them as teammates in dealing with community health issues. Sarah Greeley and David Bloom are the LS advisors for Connections and deftly guide the discussions at each meeting.

The 9<sup>th</sup> graders are making a smooth transition to high school thanks in large part to the efforts of the First Adventure Program led by Chris Herbert, Amanda Klein, and Jeff Mazza. The Counseling Department has already met with their 9<sup>th</sup> graders and introduced them to the Counseling curriculum for the year.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) arranged for the Distractology Program to present the dangers of distracted driving to any student with a driver's permit or license. The presentation included a 30-minute lecture followed by a simulated driving experience that illustrates the extreme dangers of being distracted while driving.

Lori Hodin reports that the LS Mentors in Violence Protection students have been invited to participate and assist at a state-wide Courage to Care Conference to be held at Northeastern University. They may also

become involved in Game Change: The Patriots Anti-Violence Partnership that is funded by the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation.

Ross Elkort and Phoebe Rader-Gale led Senators Jamie Eldridge and Mike Barrett as well as Representative Carmen Gentile on a tour of the green initiatives at LS before the Solar Array Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held yesterday. Senator Eldridge said “I was so inspired by the tour, and seeing how engaged the students, teachers, and faculty were on the different ways that LS is more sustainable.”

### **Student Representative**

There was no Student Representative Report.

### **Teachers’ Association Report**

Allison Richardson reported that the faculty felt Back to School Night had gone smoothly. The nurses have assisted faculty complete safety mandates. The TA also thanked Aida Ramos for ensuring that the mandated SEI training was available at L-S for the teachers’ convenience.

### **Chairman’s Report**

Elena Kleifges reminded the Committee that the next Tri-District meeting would be held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Massachusetts Association of School Committees has invited comments from state School Committees regarding the teacher evaluation process from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Radha Gargeya encouraged the members to email comments to Pat Corriera at MASC. Nancy Marshall recommended that members attend the yearly conference.

### **Liaison Report**

There were no liaison reports.

### **Superintendent/Principal Report**

Bella Wong began by addressing the matter of mandatory Sheltered English Instruction training for all staff. It is her belief that DESE should offer the course free of charge to faculty and that it should be an on-line course rather than a 70+ hour classroom experience. She urged members of the Committee to communicate a similar message to DESE or to recommend it to the lobbying arm of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

It is currently week five of the new school year, mid-quarter warnings will be issued next week, and fall sports are fully engaged.

Ms. Wong spoke briefly about school trips for the coming year that were still open to student enrollment and noted that approximately 180 students were projected to travel during the current school year, or more than 10% of the student population.

MCAS results have been released. In Math, LS had a 98% passage rate and the overall advanced and proficient percentage increased by 1%. ELA remains at 99% pass rate but the total of advanced and proficient has increased by 1%. Science declined from 98% to 97% but the percentage of students who were advanced or proficient increased from 85 to 90%. As a result in the change in strategy for preparation for the Science MCAS, that percentage is expected to increase. Virginia Blake will address the LS School Committee after October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Ms. Wong reported that she has met with the Superintendents of Lincoln Public Schools, Sudbury Public Schools, and members of their curriculum departments to achieve a better understanding of the curricular background of incoming students to LS from the feeder districts.

Ms. Wong requested that the LS School Committee approve the CASE Collaborative Agreement revisions. She informed the Committee that discussions were taking place among the members of CASE, EDCO and LAB regarding the advisability of consolidating efforts to lessen redundancy among programs. A third-party analysis has been initiated with each agency contributing a cap of \$15,000 for the assessment. Ms. Wong will report on the findings by mid-April.

#### **Director of Finance and Operations**

Peter Rowe reported that preparations for the FY17 budget were underway. The Capital Budget process is in process and LS has submitted a request for \$130,000 for security cameras. Turf field replacement will become part of the capital budget process for a future fiscal year.

#### **Information and Discussion**

The School Committee discussed possible goals for the current school year. Nancy Marshall recommended reviewing school policies and considering a few new areas, such as a Social Media Policy. Gerald Quirk recommended increased advocacy by the School Committee to the communities of Lincoln and Sudbury. He requested more frequent updates from the LS Department Chairs at LS School Committee meetings so that the School Committee would better be informed in their community outreach efforts.

Elena Kleifges advocated for revising the School Committee Policy Manual and consider an index that could be similar to the MASC Policy Manual. Patty Mostue suggested continued support for professional development so that teachers can achieve district goals. The discussion on School Committee goals will continue at the next meeting.

### **Action Items**

**Vote:** After some discussion, the School Committee agreed to approve the Concord Area Special Education (CASE Collaborative) Agreement for 2015. Patty Mostue moved that **“The Lincoln Sudbury Regional School District approve the revised CASE Collaborative Agreement (2015) which will be effective upon the approval of the member school committees and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.”** Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and all were in favor.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Calendar of Events**

Connections Intro Presentation	September 29, 2015
Warnings	October 7, 2015
Columbus Day	October 12, 2015
LS School Committee	October 13, 2015
Financial Aid Night	October 20, 2015
Faculty Variety Show	October 23, 2015
LS School Committee	October 27, 2015

### **Adjourn**

Elena Kleifges requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Radha Gargeya moved to adjourn the meeting and Nancy Marshall seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29pm. There was no Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted.  
Francy Zingale