

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016**

**7:30 p.m. Public Session  
Room B**

**L-S Conference**

**Present**

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

**Also Present**

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Peter Rowe, Director of Finance and Operations; Steve Roderick, Teachers Association President; Carly Gordenstein, Student Senate; Paul Sarapas, Department Coordinator of FATA; Katy Weiler, Adam Thompson, and Naz Jean, students.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion from Nancy Marshall, the Minutes for March 22, 2016 were approved pending edits being made. Kevin Marshall seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Presentation**

**FATA Department, Paul Sarapas**

Paul Sarapas introduced the Fine Arts and Technical Arts Department at LS via a video showing the many facets of creativity that are possible within the department. He introduced LS students Nazarea Jean, Katy Rautiola, and Adam Thompson who shared their experiences within the FATA Department. The students remarked that as they entered LS they did not think of themselves as artists but are leaving LS with a belief in their own creativity fostered by art, music, drama, and technical classes they have taken while at LS. The students agreed that the skills they had learned in FATA had enhanced their cognitive abilities in academic classes across the board. They were united in finding artistic endeavors to be a source of stress relief and valued their interactions with teachers in the department. Naz Jean pointed out that students in every grade were part of the art classes, which made LS seem more united,

moreover, she enjoyed fostering relationships with students in other grades. There is a great deal of cross-pollination of thought among students and teachers that the students valued. The students also believed that the collaborative effort of critiques augmented their ability to create work that was inspired by the thoughts of others but was yet nonetheless uniquely their own. Naz Jean plans to attend Parsons School in New York, Adam Thompson will attend Yale to study architecture, and Katy Rautiola plans to continue art in her free time while studying Marine Biology.

### **Fairbanks Community Center Task Force, Jack Ryan**

Jack Ryan, former LS School Committee member, presented the current plans for renovation of the Fairbanks Community Center. Mr. Ryan is serving on the Fairbanks Community Task Force and is Chair of the Council on Aging in Sudbury. He exhibited the current architectural plans for the renovation that would include an upgrading of Atkinson Pool.

The current building was built in the 1950's using unreinforced concrete blocks. The roof is failing as are other systems within the building, necessitating an investment. Many options have been considered. The current option would require that the pool be out of operation for approximately 2 years and that would impact the L-S Swim Team. Article 33 will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting to propose design fees to assess fully the cost of the renovations. Mr. Ryan urged the School Committee members to attend the Town Meeting.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Recognitions**

Three LS students have been invited to participate in the National Hispanic Recognition Program based on scoring in the top 2.5% on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Tests. Congratulations to Ana Shaughnessy, Olivia Elliot, and Isabel Quintus-Bosz.

Model UN Advisor JK Park reported that 18 LS students attended the Boston College Model UN Conference at the Westin Copley Place Hotel from March 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Over 660 students participated in committee offerings following the theme "Liberty and Security." A feature of this Model UN was a 40-hour simulation that required students to remain in character and solve a problem outside regularly-scheduled committees. Students received top-secret briefing memos containing sensitive information including personal social media accounts, secret societies, conspiracies, privileged contracts and ulterior motives. Retired Captain William Shepherd was

the keynote speaker. He shared video footage of his expedition to the International Space Station as commander of its first crew in 1993.

LS Students Sarah Alix, George Behrakis, Jake Fisher, Seth Joachim, Lauren Kim, Meena Kumar, Iriana Lessin, Myisha Majumder, Nina Olsen, Alicia Poulin, Avery Serven, Kate Shannon, Emma Silva, Olivia Silva, Jordan Snodgras, Joseph Sziabowski, Devin Walker and Abby Wight.

The World Language Department Spanish Exchange announced that 24 LS students will travel to Spain April 14th-28th as part of the Spanish Exchange with the town of Tineo. Our students will be living with Spanish families, attending high school classes, traveling in the area and spending some time in Segovia and Madrid. This year's chaperones are Desiree Butter, Kim Schultz and Tomás Valentine.

Other Travel News: Latin students will be travelling to Rome, Italy, during April vacation to study classic Latin texts and visit historic sites with the Paideia Institute, accompanied by Lisa Lupinacci and Alissa Jarvis.

Tom Danko, Nicole Digenis, and Amanda Klein will be traveling with LS students to Japan during the April vacation.

Matt Wentworth has been named Boston Globe All-Scholastic Coach for Alpine Skiing. Elizabeth Murphy is included in the Boston Globe All-Scholastic Team for Alpine skiing. Congratulations to both Matt and Elizabeth.

Bella, Leslie Patterson, Aida Ramos and two LS Students will attend the Curtis Parent Organization meeting on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> to address Curtis parents on the transition of their students to LS and to bring them up to date on current initiatives at the high school.

Congratulations to our Chess team on winning the Hurvitz Cup (State High School Team Chess Championship). Michael Isakov, Sandeep Shankar, Jesse Sun, Greer Fried, Jacob Donowitz and coach Tom Valentine are to be congratulated. The L-S Chess Team formed just last year. This is an amazing accomplishment in one year!

Students and teachers who visited the LS School in Cambodia will speak about their experiences and impressions at an assembly on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am. There will also be a panel discussion and some thoughtful videos. Danielle Weisse is the faculty advisor who organized this trip during the February vacation.

Patty Gogan and Debbie Aiello, in Scheduling, are in the process of acquiring the Course Selection Sheets from 1600+ students. It is no mean feat, but they manage to make it look easy year after year.

The LSB Players are preparing for their spring production “The Secret in the Wings” by Mary Zimmerman about a child left in the care of a babysitter who reads lesser known fairy tales from a book and as the tales are read, the characters materialize only to disappear as the tale is discontinued and the next tale begins. The play will be performed in the LS Auditorium from April 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>.

FELS held a reception in Conference Room A today, April 5<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate this year’s grant award winners:

Christopher Collins, a trip to Iceland: the Land of Fire and Ice

Emily Hopwood, travel to Costa Rica and a Mindfulness Meditation Yoga retreat.

Hanka Ray, two week intensive study of German language and culture.

Vicky Caburian, Phillipines Cultural Exchange/Wellness study.

Dan Schuler, Off he goes: Northwest Music, Mindfulness and Meandering.

Greg Gammons, Movement Project

Ponah Gillespie, Immersion study tour in India.

Steven Henning, Guatemala Culural Experience.

Katie Garland, Kripalu Retreat.

Heath Wright, AppleCare Technician Training.

### **Student Representative Report**

Carly Gordenstein reported that the MVP students visited 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homerooms at Curtis Middle School to address healthy relationships. The Student Senate has planned a Staff Appreciation Day for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The students are working on a proposal to present to faculty at the May 4<sup>th</sup> faculty meeting regarding homework during breaks.

### **Teacher’s Association Report**

Steve Roderick reported that teachers are busy in diverse ways. Quarter 3 has just ended, recommendations for students scheduling courses for next year has been ongoing for the past two weeks, and end of year self-evaluations are due with accompanying meetings with administrators which makes this a stressful time for teachers. In addition, ED&E Proposals are due on April 8<sup>th</sup> and faculty are participating in hiring groups for applicants to teaching positions and observing the applicants teach.

Mr. Roderick confirmed the Teachers’ Association Dinner with the School Committee on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Conference Room B. LS School Committee members will be visiting LS during the day on April 27<sup>th</sup> to attend classes and have lunch with various departments afterward.

### **Chairman’s Report**

Elena Kleifges congratulated Radha Gargeya and Kevin Matthews on their re-election to the LS School Committee. Radha Gargeya, Elena Kleifges, Bella Wong and Peter Rowe met with the Sudbury FINCOM and town officials regarding the E&D Vote to repair the turf fields at LS. The discussions made clear the intent of the School Committee in transferring funds to the Stabilization Fund as well as the viewpoint of the Town of Sudbury. Further discussions will be necessary but for the moment Ms. Kleifges believes that the funds required for the turf fields should be a part of the CIAC process. Radha Gargeya requested the vote from the March 22<sup>nd</sup> School Committee meeting be rescinded. It was agreed that a better understanding of the conditions under which funds could be transferred was necessary. Bella Wong reminded the School Committee that the availability of funds in the E&D category was an unusual occurrence.

**VOTE: Gerald Quirk moved to rescind the vote “to amend the FY2016 Budget by appropriating the amount of \$600,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund and moving it into the Stabilization Fund for the purposes permitted therein.” Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All members were present. All members were in favor.**

Ms. Kleifges mentioned that Senators Jamie Eldridge, Michael Barrett and Representative Carmine Gentile would attend the next School Committee meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> and asked School Committee members to prepare questions or topics of discussion for that evening.

### **Liaison Reports**

Nancy Marshall reminded School Committee Members of the workshop with Dorothy Presser scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Superintendent/Principal’s Report**

Bella Wong reported that she was drafting a letter to parents of students travelling during April vacation. LS Staff has been working closely with travel professionals regarding safety issues. Staff members responsible for travel logistics are exhibited great forethought.

The Faculty Meeting held on March 29<sup>th</sup> continued the discussion of what students need to be able to access success in the future. The discussion focused on skills required and the necessity of adaptability in future job markets. The Center for Innovation at LS was introduced to the faculty. Grant application is in process to garner the funds necessary to transform the White House Pre-School into a functional space to foster synergy among departments for interdisciplinary collaboration. It will become a place to solve applicable world problems and to guide students into becoming social entrepreneurs.

Initial meetings with faculty from most departments at LS have begun and it is hoped that Sudbury and Lincoln residents will become engaged in the center as well.

### **Director of Finance and Operations' Report**

There was no Director of Finance and Operations' Report.

### **Information & Discussion**

There was no information and discussion.

### **Action Items**

Vouchers #1035, 1036, 1037,1038 and Payroll 4/30/16 were signed.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Calendar of School Events**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter ends	April 7, 2016
Patriot's Day	April 18, 2016
Spring Recess	April 19-22, 2016
LS School Committee	April 26, 2016

### **Adjourn**

Gerald Quirk proposed that the meeting move into Executive Session to discuss current litigation. Nancy Marshall seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.