

LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

**7:45 p.m. Public Session
Room B**

L-S Conference

Present

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

Also present

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Peter Rowe, Interim Director of Finance and Operations; Steve Roderick, TA President; Carly Gordenstein, Student Representative; JK Park and David Grace, Global Scholar Program Advisors.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for April 26, 2016 was postponed until the May 24th, 2016 meeting.

Presentation

Global Scholar Program – JK Park and David Grace, Advisors.

The goals of the Global Scholar Program are to foster global education, global competency, empathy and knowledge among LS Students and was an outgrowth of a question posed by Bella Wong to the LS Faculty “What do we want our students to learn by the time they leave Lincoln-Sudbury.” One of the answers to this questions was that faculty would like students to know that they are part of a world beyond the communities of Lincoln, Sudbury, and Boston. The challenge for the program is to develop a platform to develop greater global awareness, knowledge and the skills to interact and be productive citizens in a global environment. The planning group looked to programs developed by other schools that could be used as constructive models. The LS curriculum was reviewed during a summer working group to create

requirements and a focus on acquisition of target competencies. Proposals and plans were shared with the Academic Council and at Faculty Meetings.

The program was officially launched in Spring 2015 when it was introduced to LS students and their families. Radha Gargeya inquired if the LS Course Curriculum had to be modified to accommodate the requirements of the global scholar program. Miss Wong responded that most departments offered courses with a global view. She added that as the program progresses and as students return from travel programs, they will bring experiences into the classroom that will inevitably lead to a steady enhancement of the existing curriculum.

The program seeks to promote three global competencies: the ability to discern cultural differences as an opportunity for constructive transactions among people; the ability to speak, understand and think in another language; the ability to reflect upon one's informed understanding of world history, geography, global issues (health, climate, economics) and the process of globalization itself.

Students who join the program will begin doing active work in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Requirements include 4 years of language study, a 30 hour service requirement, 6 courses in globally-oriented coursework, international or cross-cultural travel experience, and written reflections at the end of each year. The capstone requirement of the program is a project that will be presented to a panel of faculty at L-S. In the first year, 80 students (5% of the student population) have enrolled. Thirty 9th grade students have responded to an invitation to join the program and their Statements of Intent are due at the end of May 2016. Work is ongoing in expanding travel options for students. Nearly 25% of students currently enrolled in the Global Scholar Program have participated in school-sponsored international travel in the current school year.

Trips proposed for the coming school year include travel to Berlin for Model UN, Tanzania or Zimbabwe, the Dominican Republic, ALBA Berlin, Greece, and the Blackfeather Reservation in Montana. Additionally, there will be international travel based on the language programs at LS.

Ms. Wong pointed out that the seed for the Global Scholar Program was generated during the ED&E workshops at LS and that they generally provide valuable impetus in generating forward-thinking programs for LS students. Ms. Kleifges asked how the LS Global Scholar Program differed from programs at other high schools and Mr. Park responded that students had a greater voice in the LS Program and that their advice and input would help shape the future

course of the program. The LS Program also permits more student created activity rather than a simple checklist of requirements to be met and that the reflective essays and end of year projects would also enhance student growth. Mr. Grace responded to a question from Gerald Quirk regarding what would encourage the sustainability of the program. Mr. Grace predicted that varied travel opportunities, student assemblies sharing travel experiences, lectures from visiting speakers, and films would all encourage continued interest in the program. Students returning from the recent trip to Cambodia presented an assembly for other students to teach them about the history, demographics, and cultural aspects that they had experienced during the travel there.

The School Committee members asked what support there would be for students who could not afford the travel opportunities. Ms. Wong responded that the LSPO and the Sudbury Foundation had generously provided funds for financial support to defray the costs where it would be most helpful and that efforts to apply for additional funds were ongoing. Patty Mostue asked if students were specifically prepared for trips they would be taking. Ms. Wong responded that the philosophy of the program was to move students forward through the experience of travel from whatever point they came to the program because the transformative effect of travel to cultures other than one's own always resulted in intellectual growth. It has been observed that change of perspective often leads to better learning post travel and that learning can take place before and after travel to equal benefit.

Ms. Wong commended the efforts of all Faculty members in supporting this aspect of our students' education. She reminded the School Committee that behind every student travel experience were a number of teachers who planned the trip, or chaperoned the trip, or encouraged students to share their experiences within the classroom or more broadly in student led assemblies.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recognitions

The artwork of METCO student Elcie Merck will be displayed at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston as part of the Teen Art Exhibition in celebration of the Teen Arts Council's 10th anniversary. The exhibition is entitled "HOMiE: In Our Eyes" and will be on display from July 16, 2016 to January 22, 2017.

Neandra Fernandes was recently selected to participate in a leadership conference in Dallas, Texas through the Boys and Girls Club of America. The conference is called Keystone and is a

character and leadership development conference for Boys & Girls Club teens that brings together members from across the globe. Keystone members engage and socialize with peers, explore relevant issues, and develop skills to support and enhance efforts in their local Boys & Girls Clubs and communities.

METCO 11th grade students visited Framingham State University on a college tour. They spoke with a METCO alum who is currently enrolled there. Carmen Rodi, METCO Guidance Counselor, Laura Fair, South House Counselor, and Katelyn Klapper, LS parent and METCO volunteer accompanied the students.

Sue Stine reported that the League of Women Voters registration drive at LS on Wednesday April 27 was huge success! In a three-hour period they registered 74 students (63 Sudbury, 6 Lincoln, 5 Boston)!

Jason Correia was recently awarded a Leadership in Diversity Award at the Metrowest Community Prayer Breakfast at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham. Jason Medeiros and Steve Desrosiers attended the breakfast on April 29th. The Leadership in Diversity Award is sponsored by Metrowest Legal Services.

The annual LS ARTS DAY was celebrated on May 6th in the LS Auditorium with choral and instrumental music as well as film and drama performances. Arts Day is a wonderful opportunity to experience the wonderful work of our talented and hard working LS performers during the school day. Beginning Monday, May 2nd, the Annual ***Celebrate Art*** exhibit will be on display in the A-B connector.

Congratulations to Paul Shultz, Chris Collins, and Alex Wankowicz for receiving The Mass. Secretary of Energy's award for Excellence in Energy and Environmental Education!!

Congratulations to Dan Conti for being awarded The Distinguished Secondary Teaching Award by Northwestern University. Dan was nominated by L-S Grad Ryan Kenney a graduating senior at the university. The vetting process was quite thorough including an on-site interview. Dan will be traveling to Northwestern from June 15th to June 19th to receive the Award at a reception on June 16th, and at Commencement on June 17th. Dan has offered to donate half of the monetary award to the MLK Action Project for their social justice initiatives and half to the LS General Scholarship Fund.

Andrew Nyamekye, with assistance from Paul Shultz (& the LS Robotics Club) and LS Resident and Metco students, held the first Lincoln-Sudbury Scholarship Fund Spring Invitational Car Meet on Saturday, May 7th at Raytheon in Sudbury. The weather was fabulous, there was lively music from "DJ Real Ace" & food provided by "Tailgaters Wood Grill". The event raised close

to \$2,000 to benefit LSSF & the LS Robotics club. It was so well attended, that plans are already underway for a repeat event later this year.

On May 12th, Lori Hodin will participate in a Panel Discussion entitled “Game Change: The Patriots Anti-Violence partnership – An Innovative Approach to Violence Prevention Education” at the Westin Copley Hotel in Boston. She will join panelists Joshua Kraft, Andre Tippet, Dan Lebowitz, and Attorney General Maura Healey. The panel is part of a 2-day conference hosted by the Democratic Attorneys General Association which will welcome approximately 15-18 Attorneys General from around the nation and more than 200 participants including legal counsel and executives to many Massachusetts companies, including law firms, and companies in the health care, life sciences, and energy sectors. Panelists will be asked to address how their particular organization became involved in Game Change; what does your organization hope to accomplish; what are the issues, challenges and concerns faced by your organization in implementing change; what tangible results have been evidenced to date; and what should other states consider when implementing similar partnerships. Lori Hodin is the Faculty Advisor for the Mentors in Violence Prevention at LS and Coordinator of the Safe Schools Initiative.

The Cum Laude Society induction will take place on Wednesday evening, May 11th in the LS Cafeteria. 80 LS students are eligible to join this academic honor society.

Student Representative Report

Carly Gordenstein reported that the Student Senate had presented a proposal to the faculty that no homework be assigned during vacation periods during the year. The Faculty response was very helpful and their concerns were of interest to the students. The Student Senate will edit their proposal to resubmit to the Faculty. Bella Wong added that Academic Council had discussed the subject and how to organize a response to the students. The topic has generated discussion among the Faculty.

Teacher's Association Report

Steve Roderick reported that this is a busy time for teachers and that there is a great deal of testing taking place within a 4 week period: AP Exams, 2 days of Math MCAS, 2 days of Science MCAS, SAT subject tests, as well as exam week for all LS Students. Warnings are due and grades must be prepared for seniors who finish on May 26th. Mr. Roderick pointed out that this is a difficult time for teachers to provide successful learning experience with so many interruptions.

Chairman's Report

Elena Kleifges reported that Sudbury Town Meeting had been held the previous week. The FY17 Budget was passed as was the Security Camera upgrade. There will be a special Sudbury Town Meeting on June 13th. At the May 17,

2016 election, it will be important for people to vote yes on Question 8 for the security upgrade.

Ms. Kleifges reminded the School Committee members of the schedule of ceremonies coming up in the next month. She commended the Applied Technology/AP Art Exhibit that evening which included impressive displays in robotics, architectural design, wood-working, jewelry, and studio art.

Liaison Reports

There were no liaison reports.

Superintendent/Principal's Report

Ms. Wong applauded the work displayed by the Applied Technology and Art Departments. She thanked the communities for the grants that provided the 3-D printers and the router that are being used to great effect by the students. She also pointed out that the gender distribution in the Applied Technology was equal, a testament to the outreach of teachers. An example of this outreach is Mark Sobkowicz's Girls Who Code program.

Ms. Wong informed the School Committee that she would be attending and speaking at the Think Tank on Global Education to be held at the Harvard Graduate School of Education on May 20th, 2016 on the subject "How Do You Lead a System-Level Strategic Incentive?"

Director of Finance and Operations' Report

Peter Rowe requested a vote to accept funds from the LS Boosters Club to resurface the track in the football stadium. There are three sources for the \$115,750 necessary to resurface the track: \$55,000 from the LS Boosters, \$55,000 from the Student Athletic Fee, and donations to athletics in the amount of \$5,250. The project can be completed during the summer if approved.

VOTE: Gerald Quirk moved "to accept a gift of \$55,000 from the Lincoln-Sudbury All Sports Booster Club, Inc. for the purpose of resurfacing/ upgrading the track at the Lincoln-Sudbury stadium complex. " Radha Gargeya seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Information & Discussion

There was no information and discussion.

Action Items

Vouchers #1044, 1045 were signed. The payroll for April 29, 2016 was signed.

VOTE: Annual Appointment of Individuals to District Positions. Gerald Quirk moved “that the following individuals be appointed to their respective position effective July 1, 2016: Stephen Cirillo, District Treasurer; Diane Kaufman, District Assistant Treasurer; Frances Zingale, District Secretary; and Donna Cakert, District Clerk. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion and all were in favor.

VOTE: Kevin Matthews moved “to recommend that we approve the FY17 Operating Budget, including OPEB funding, at \$@9,115,607 funded by \$3,256,600 of Revenue Offsets and \$25,859,007 of member community assessments of which \$3,571,527 is assessed to the Town of Lincoln and \$22,287,480 is assessed to the Town of Sudbury, per the enclosed Assessment Schedule.” Patty Mostue seconded the motion, there was no discussion and all were in favor.

VOTE: Radha Gargeya moved “to approve the EDCO Collaborative Articles of Agreement Amendment as amended by the EDCO Board of Directors.” Patty Mostue seconded the motion, there was no discussion, and all were in favor.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Calendar of School Events

Cum Laude Banquet	May 11, 2016
Instrumental Concert	May 12, 2016
Tri-School Meeting	May 17, 2016
Community Sing	May 19, 2016
Rena Finder	May 24, 2016
LS School Committee, Boston	May 24, 2016
Senior Awards Ceremony	May 25, 2016
Senior Scholarship Ceremony	May 31, 2016

Adjourn

Radha Gargeya moved that the meeting be adjourned, Kevin Matthews seconded the motion, and all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Francy Zingale