

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 27, 2022**

7:08 PM

Zoom

Present

Heather Cowap, Chair; Cara Endyke-Doran, Vice Chair; Candace Miller, Vice Chair (absent); Harold Engstrom; Kevin Matthews; Mary Warzynski

Also Present

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations; Helen Sotiriou, Teachers' Association; LSRHS Student Senate; METCO Parent Representative

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

Public Comment

Maura Carty requested clarification around the LS Capcom event that occurred on Friday, September 23, 2022. Ms. Kirsteen Patterson clarified that the September 23rd date was the deadline for the submission of the capital request.

Presentation

2023 Mass. Supt. Award Academic Excellence to Aria Shi and Julia Minassian

- Ari is truly an impressive student, incredibly hardworking and committed to giving back to the community. Throughout her high school career, Aria participated in Accel Advanced Math and level 1 of Spanish as a second language. As a senior, Aria is currently taking AP Calculus, Chemistry and AP Physics. On top of all that, Aria chose to challenge herself by participating in LSRHS's most difficult History courses (AP American History, Russian History, and World Crises) and English course (Postcolonial Literature and American Literature). Instead of having a senior free block...Aria chose to be a TA in Math, this year, for the last four years- she continues to be an independent writing tutor. She also self-studied for AP Statistics and Macroeconomics, just to take the AP test, and received the top score of 5 on each. Aria has been recognized as a National Merit Semifinalist. She has participated in the LS Speech and Debate Team throughout her high school career, including currently being the President in her senior year. Aria is known for starting the Future Project Club, organizing 20+ volunteers to go over to an elementary school after school to work on projects with younger students. For two summers, Aria was a camp counselor for Lumos Debate. All while maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout her entire high school career!

- What distinguishes Julia from her peers at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School is that when she's faced with an obstacle, she will evaluate the situation clearly and formulate a plan to succeed. Then she will do whatever is necessary to achieve her goal. Julia believes in the person she is becoming and this is reflected in her maturity and self awareness. It is students like Julia who will make a positive impact in the world. Julia is hard working, driven and intellectually curious. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA every year at LSRHS and does an exceptional job at managing her academics and number of extracurricular activities. In addition to being a competitive dancer, Julia has also been an editor for the school newspaper, a 9th grade orientation leader twice, and a consistent TA to younger students for the past four years.

LS Tech Plan and Technology Initiatives, Dennis Phillips

Tech Dept's goal is to teach and prepare students for the "Real World".

- Pandemic turned the technology department into a 24/7 obligation.
- DESE no longer requires a "Tech Plan" every three years.
- The Tech Team is made up of 6 members.
 - Dave Walsh- Tech/ Network admin
 - Charles Despotopulos- Computer/AV Tech
 - Ryan Medeiros- Computer/ AV Tech Assistant
 - Meghan Notari- Part time ITS and ACTIVE teacher
 - Jim Berry-Part time ITS and ACTIVE a teacher
 Having two teachers a part of the tech team who also utilizes technology within their classroom is beneficial.
- Technology usage increased
 - GY 2025-115 (33%)
 - GY 2026-271 (71%)
- Every classroom has a box of "loaners" (chromebooks).
- LSRHS maintains their own onsite repairs. Zero interruptions throughout the school day.
- Full wireless coverage, despite the number of devices in use throughout the building.
- With there being less of a need for desktops...more money/space for laptops.
- LSRHS continues to protect the data privacy on any and all platforms via Whitelists, Firewalls etc.
- Student Information Advisory Group (made up of students and staff) examines the whys and why nots of any educational sites- "Is the website safe to use?"
- LSRHS continues to utilize cybersecurity, like Lightspeed Relay Filter and CisCloud. No matter where LSRHS's devices are...the softwares will continue to filter any unsafe websites.

Feedback from teachers at LSRHS- the use of technology is efficient and beneficial!

Information and Discussion

There was no information and discussion.

Student Senate Representative Report

Olivia Gottlieb reported being approached by the Athletic Director- Art Reilly, regarding LSRD's current, yet strict policy around LSRHS's athletic students in possession of illegal substances. The topic of discussion is whether LSRHS should adopt M.I.A.A's (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) policy- The student who is identified as in possession of illegal substances should solely be penalized; rather than LSRD's current policy- where students who choose to remain present, while other students engage in illegal substances are also penalized. The question remains- What about designated drivers/buddies?... students who want to protect their friend(s). The Student Senate and the Athletic Department will be teaming up with S.A.D.D (Students Against Drunk Drivers) in the coming months. Student Senate and Athletic department will continue the discussion on Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Ninth grade student senate elections will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

METCO Program Report

METCO parent representative (Yolanda Parker; parent of a 9th and 10th grader within the METCO program) reports with the constant communication with directors, increase in the extracurricular activities, and college events; the school year has been a positive start, thus far.

- Constant and consistent improvements with the METCO transportation. METCO students are being given MBTA cards to continue their travels after the METCO bus drop students off at their designated bus stops within the city.
- On Thursday, October 20, 2022, The METCO Parent Council will be hosting their first meeting in Boston at 7pm-8pm.
- In observance of the Hispanic Heritage Month- On Friday, October 14, 2022 the METCO Parent Council will be hosting an event, which is open to everyone. A speaker/author by the name of Jen Deleon- "Don't Ask Me Where I'm From" will be in attendance.

Teacher's Association Representative Report

Helen Sotiriou, co-president reported the class of 2023 will be hosting Fun Fridays.

- College visits are up and going. Juniors, especially Seniors are super busy working on their recommendations for colleges.
- Warnings are due Tuesday, October 4, 2022.
- Job fair was a success on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.
- Math Cafe has a "Full House"! All students, especially METCO students (which the program was created for) are receiving extra help in the morning with math. In keeping the program appealing, students who choose to volunteer their time at the Math Cafe receive community service credits; for assisting teachers while helping students with their math course.

Chairperson Updates

There were no updates from the chairperson.

Liaison Updates

Harold Engstrom acknowledged and affirmed Ms. Patterson for leading a capital request tour around LSRHS.

Superintendent/Principal Updates

- Ms. Bella Wong reports with 18 days into the new school year, LSRHS continues to remain positive, yet busy.
- BTSN was a success! First time in a long time, since LSRHS hosted performances, fundraisers, and activity tables in the cafeteria during BTSN. The auditorium was full of parents.
- Coming soon...a new schedule for the end of mid year/ final exams will arrive. Deadline is Friday, October 7, 2022 to submit surveys.
- The evening of Wednesday, September 28, 2022- Susan Shields, Emily Phillips, David Bloom, and Sarah Greely hosted the first MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey (MWHS) for the school year. The session was led by LSRHS students.
- On Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Lincoln Sudbury School Committee will be able to participate/listen to the MWHS presentation.
- COVID vaccination clinic takes place in the Auditorium on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.
- Ms. Wong acknowledged and affirmed Bill O'Rourke from DPW for updating LSRHS with daily road closures.
- FYI- College admission representatives are coming out to LSRHS.
- Teachers continue to further discuss grading for equity for ALL LSRHS students. What are the setting limits/perimeters for all students to successfully succeed?

Director of Finance and Operations Report

- Kirsteen reported exploring a vendor for electric vehicles. The cost per unit is \$290,000- it was suggested, we hold off till a later time.
- There was a successful submission of the presented capital request on Friday, September 23, 2022. Continue to wait for Sudbury to confirm a date for capital request.
- In the midst of building a FY budget timeline.
- LS received the OPEB summary for the end of June 2022 FY; will be adding the OPEB actuarial date for the report meeting. Looking to have the information shared for OPEB valuation as an ongoing process. Waiting for a meeting date to share a proposal.

Action Item

VOTE: Kevin Matthews offered a motion to accept the FY 2023-2025 Support Staff Handbook which was presented on September 13, 2022. Mary Warzynski seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Five out of six members of the school committee were in favor via a roll call vote. Candace Miller abstained

VOTE: Kevin Matthews offered a motion to accept the FY 2023-2025 Administrative MOA, which was presented September 13, 2022. Mary Warzynski seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Five out of six members of the school committee were in favor via a roll call vote. Candace Miller abstained

VOTE: Kevin Matthews offered a motion to accept the FY 24 Capital Request, which was presented on September 13, 2022. Harold Engstrom seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Five out of the six members of the school committee were in favor via a roll call vote. Candace Miller abstained

Vouchers were signed.

Approval of Minutes

- Kevin Matthews offered a motion to approve the Minutes from August 16, 2022. Harold seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Five out of the six members of the school committee were in favor via a roll call vote. Candace Miller abstained
- The Minutes for September 13, 2022 were tabled till October 11, 2022 LSSC meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjourn to Executive Session

Kevin Matthews requested a motion to adjourn to executive session without returning to open session. Mary Warzynski seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Five of the six members of the School Committee were in favor via roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.