

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 28, 2017**

7:30pm

Conference Room B, LSRHS

Present

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

Also Present

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Sherry Kersey, Director of Finance and Operations; Caroline Singler, TA; Dan Conti, Dan Lewis, Danielle Weisse, English Department; Katie Malloy and Julia Martin, LS Students; LS Parents Judy Merra, Morgan Malloy, Jack Martin, and Sharon Simons.

Call to Order

Elena Kleifges called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion from Radha Gargeya, seconded by Kevin Matthews, the Minutes for February 27th were approved. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

On a motion from Nancy Marshall, seconded by Kevin Matthews, the Minutes for February 28th were approved. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Presentation

Katie Malloy and Julia Martin presented a slide show of their recent trip to the Dominican Republic during February vacation. The trip was a cultural exchange trip which focused on cultural aspects of the Dominican Republic and Haiti. The students and chaperones stayed in the homes of their host families in a village (Batay Libertad) that is a Haitian refugee community. During the home stay, the students enjoyed language lessons, a cultural exchange presentation, an agricultural tour, and dance lessons. They visited Santo Domingo, a local beach and Market Day. LS chaperones were Katelyn Dix and Paul Sarapas. The trip was organized by Danielle Weisse.

Dan Conti, Department Chair of the English Department, Dan Lewis and Danielle Weisse brought the School Committee members up to date on the LS English Department curriculum and departmental initiatives and goals. The department's core principals are that students are intellectually and emotionally diverse and that learning is a lifelong endeavor. The curriculum is

designed to challenge students' perception of their own intellectual limits and to encourage active learning.

All 9th graders are enrolled in English Composition and Literature (E9). 10th-12th grade students can choose from up to 24 different courses – at least two credits in American/British literature and at least two credits in World literature. In all, students must earn 16 credits in English. Each class requires three formal essays per semester.

The English Department is a “curious and restless” department in that it is constantly reviewing its curriculum to interest students and to follow teachers' passions. New course offerings are Detective Fiction, American Novel, Literary Non-Fiction, and Shakespeare II.

New initiatives include adding women authors and women's stories into the curriculum, adding LGBTQ literature, reading in race and identity, maintaining four-year student writing folders and independent reading units.

The department members engage in shared reading regarding the reading brain; introvert/extrovert personalities, and the teen-age brain to prepare for teaching adolescents and to learn and share strategies for better teaching practices resulting in students who are resilient and adaptable critical thinkers.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recognitions

On Saturday, March 4, 2017, a team from Lincoln-Sudbury won the regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl competition at MIT (the "Blue Lobster Bowl") and gained, as the fruits of victory, an expenses-paid trip to Corvallis, Oregon, to compete in the national NOSB tournament over April break.

Three teams from L-S competed in a field of 22 teams from 13 schools in a quiz bowl format covering topics from the ocean sciences, marine technology, and maritime policy. Our “A” team defeated two teams from our archrival Lexington in the semifinals and finals (long history here - think Red Sox and Yankees). Both matches were very tense with the finals being a come from behind affair (think Patriots and Falcons). Our “B” and “C” teams competed well and gained valuable experience for future tournaments.

The victory was a result of months, in fact years, of solitary and collective hard work and study by the students. Many thanks to Nicole Digenis and Regina Shopiro who very graciously gave up a Saturday to be with the B and C teams during the competition.

A Team: Michael Isakov, Avi Lepsky, Melody Phu, Steve Weiman and Julia Wyatt

B Team: Seamus Frey, Rohini Guin, Kenny Ho, Piyusha Kundu, and Camille Slattery

C Team: Evan Johnson, Davis Kornblum, Sophia Proctor, Parker Simon, Dan Stutman

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team for a great season. Wednesday, March 1st, the girls played an epic game against Holy Name and lost in the final seconds on a three pointer. The coaches and kids handled it with grace. It was a game that could have gone either way. There were tremendous plays made throughout by both teams.

Last Friday, March 3rd, the Boys Basketball team played an epic game against North Reading and lost in the final seconds of double overtime. Like our Girls Basketball team, they all handled it with grace. Similarly, the game could have gone either way, for a 1-0 game there was "electric" back and forth action throughout.

Congratulations to the Wrestling team for an epic season, DCL champs, Central D1 champs, State D1 runner-up. Individually, they had three wrestlers in NEs this past weekend. This is an incredible achievement and two made the finals. Andy Richard placed 2nd at 120 lbs and Andrew Marshall won the NE Championship at 195 lbs in triple Overtime.

On Monday, March 6, the World Language Department began a week-long celebration of National World Language Week. Every day was marked by a special event, as well as a special lunch in the cafeteria each day to highlight all of the 5 languages taught at Lincoln Sudbury. Colorful posters throughout the school shared new vocabulary, fun facts and trivia about World Languages.

Monday, March 6: World Language students wore colors representing the languages they are learning. Language students greeted everyone in French, German, Latin, Mandarin & Spanish. Monday was Mandarin Day in the cafeteria.

Tuesday, March 7. Faculty contributions to the **Immigrant Heritage Display** was in the A-B Connector. Tuesday was German Day in the cafeteria.

Wednesday, March 8. Language Lunch Tables. During the lunch blocks, student language leaders facilitated lunch conversation in their target languages. Wednesday was Spanish Day in the cafeteria.

Thursday, March 9. The 14th **Annual World Language Declamation Contest** was held in the LS Auditorium at 10am. The following students participated, reciting pieces they had memorized in the languages they are learning.

The winners of the World Declamation Competition were:

First prize, Level 2	Anthony Vuolo	Spanish
First prize, Level 3	William Stone	Spanish
First prize, Level 4	Emmett Alkasab	German
First Prize, Level 5	Ruby Carmel	French
Grand Prize Winner	Alex Gullotti	Spanish

Friday, March 10. World Language Karaoke was held in the LS Auditorium. Friday was French Day in the cafeteria.

Friday, March 10 (evening). Performance of **ANGAJE**, a Haitian dance performance by Jean Appolon Expressions was held in the LS Auditorium followed by a reception in the LS Cafeteria.

On Saturday, March 4th, Carol Lewis and Caroline Singler traveled with 8 members of the LS DOE (Department of Energy) Science Bowl team to the University of Connecticut to compete in the Northeast Regional Science Bowl. Two teams of 4 LS students participated in this annual quiz bowl competition in which students answered questions about all areas of science and math. The students' knowledge and ability to respond in 7 seconds was impressive. The students' performance is a reflection of all they have learned over their years of coursework and self-study; no one course prepares them for the competition. And it is not just about content knowledge - teamwork and communication skills are critical. We congratulate the following students on their hard work and effort and their positive representation of LS:

12th graders: Vivi Feng, Trishla Gandhi

11th graders: Blake Danziger, Griffin Davis, Archie Stewart, Anna St George, Alex Tam,

9th grader: Anthony Vuolo

Thompson, Seth Weiss, Danielle Weisse, Matt Wentworth, Brendan Wimberley. The certificates indicate that a gift has been made in the teachers' honor to FELS in appreciation of their guidance, motivation and inspiration by grateful parents. FELS believes that "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." (Henry Adams).

Warrior Robotics competed at their first event of the season at Bridgewater-Raynham High School Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12. The purpose of the competitions is to support the FIRST global mission "to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication and leadership. Paul Shultz is the faculty advisor for Warrior Robotics. Students participating are:

Lucas Allen, Max Askew, Chris Beeler, Nils Carlson, Phil Cass, Jack Doherty, Jack Doran, Anna Fryling, Trishla Gandhi, Noah Green, Ben Greenblatt, Ryan Grummer, William Hardwick, Talia Heisey, Matthew Johnson, Ranen Leung, Sonia Litovchick, Stephanie Lu, Stuart Lustig, Hunter Mankus, Peter McGurk, Hayden Merrill, Sarah Noyes, Jessica Pan, Aidan Prendergast, Sam Renhowe, Ryan Saklad, Ben Short, Jessika Wahlbin, Mattias Wahlbin, and Steven Wang.

After a tough day of competition on Saturday and being ranked 33, they were picked for finals by the 3rd ranked team, played some tough matches against some great teams, and went on to the finals. After a crippling mechanical problem, they lost the finals match. Even so, they came in 4th overall.

Team Safety Captain Sonia Litovchick (12) won the Safety Award for our team. Sonia worked extremely hard for several years to build a great safety program for our team. We're extremely proud of her! Special thanks to Laura Rotondo and Sam Parker for mock safety inspections! Assistant MC Trisha Gandhi (12) got to meet Congressman Kennedy. She was so excited! Co-Captain Chris Beeler (11) is a Dean's List semi-finalist. This award was presented to an

outstanding member of the team who embodies the ideals of FIRST. We're extremely proud of him!

Warrior Robotics had another great weekend at Reading Memorial High School, making it all the way to the end of Finals and losing in some very tight matches to some top notch teams. This is our second time being finalists this year, and ever! The team will be attending district championships at UNH in a few weeks.

The annual Mr. LS event was held on for **Friday, March 17th @ 7pm** in the Auditorium. The contestants were a very talented and kind-hearted group of young men: Colin Alie, Danny Hoenig, Matt Hyer, Devin Hubbard, Andrew LaScaleia, Brian Lynch, Caleb Martin-Rosenthal, and Matt Milton. Matt Milton was crowned Mr. LS for 2017. The event raised funds to support The Wounded Warrior Project, Alzheimer's Association, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Judges for the event were Matt Wentworth, Kathleen Thompson, and David Grace. Thank you to Leslie Patterson and faculty who have vetted the candidates during tryouts.

The Math Department held its **annual Pi Day celebration** today in the Staff Dining Room with many pi(e) shaped treats. Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. We thank the Math Department for reminding us of the transcendental nature of Mathematics – a noble subject!

The Lincoln-Sudbury Science Olympiad team attended their annual state competition at Framingham State University on Saturday and placed 9th out of 55 teams competing. The 22 events included written tests and lab activities covering a wide range of physical and life sciences as well as building events to test engineering skills. BJ Pegram attended the Olympiad, standing in for Mary Brunson (see item below).

The following were LS students' top ten finishes:

Hovercraft: Second Place Medal - Chris Beeler, Melody Phu, Michael Zhang

Dynamic Planet: Second Place Medal - Rohini Guin and Melody Phu

Astronomy: Sixth Place Ribbon - Matt Bayer and Hannah Quirk

Wind Power: Sixth Place Ribbon - Rachel Pellegrino and Hannah Quirk

Invasive Species: Seventh Place - Rachel Pellegrino and Julia Solowey

Disease Detectives: Eighth Place - Rohini Guin and Melody Phu

Material Science: Eighth Place - Maddisson Manente and Isabel Quintus-Bosz

Catch It (a design/building event): Eighth Place - Bryce Mashimo and Kevin Tefler

Wholly Moley (the chemistry mole, that is): Ninth place - Hannah BenDavid and Griffin Davis

Circuit Lab: Tenth Place - Dan Stutman

Mystery Engineering (a design/building event): Tenth Place - Shannon Brown and Hannah BenDavid

LS baby #6 has arrived!! Evie Elizabeth Brunson was born on Friday, March 10th, 2017 to Mary Brunson and husband Michael. She weighed 7lb13oz., 20 inches long. A warm welcome to Miss Evie and congratulations to Mary and Michael!

Zak Kaye (12) and Katherine Feng (10) participated in the All State Music Festival this past weekend, which included 18+ hours of group rehearsal on Thurs., Fri., and Sat., as well as the final concert presented at Symphony Hall in Boston. Katherine plays violin and participated in the orchestra. Zak plays euphonium and earned a first chair assignment for his section in the band.

Dr. Terrence Roberts of the "Little Rock Nine" spoke to LS students on March 22nd. Dr. Roberts was one of nine students who matriculated into Little Rock Central High School in 1957 following the landmark "Brown v. Board of Education" Supreme Court decision in 1954. This program, funded by SERF, was designed specifically for 10th grade students to fit into the American History curriculum. It was a unique opportunity for our students to hear the first-hand experience of a man who took action to fight injustice at a young age. The SERF Grant was written by Amy Jacobs and Lori Hodin.

JK Park and 37 LS Students returned from the annual National High School Model UN Conference in New York City (March 10-13th). The opening ceremony of the conference took place in the General Assembly Hall of UN Headquarters. LS students represented Columbia, Germany and Israel addressing numerous current political, social, cultural, legal, environmental, and economic concerns. There were over 2500 participants from 19 countries and over 30 US states. During the closing ceremonies, LS students Andrew George and Bailey Prince spoke on behalf of their committee – the UN Human Rights Council on the promotion of human rights of LGBTQ individuals in Southeast Asia. The following weekend, 24 LS Model UN club students attended the Boston College Model UN Conference whose theme was “The Interplay of Power and Ethics.” JK Park thanks fellow chaperones Desiree Butter, Shawn Lingley, and Katie Collamore.

The LS Environmental Club has presented their Town Meeting Warrant petitions for banning the sale of single use bottled water and plastic shopping bags to the Board of Selectmen in Sudbury and they have been endorsed!! This has been a wonderful lesson in civic engagement in local government. Our thanks to Eleanor Burke, faculty advisor to the Environmental Club. The story of their endeavors has been reported by Channel 4, the Boston Globe, and endorsed by the Sierra Club. Additionally, the LS Environmental Team has been awarded Best Community Practices by Massachusetts’ Project Green Schools.

FELS certificates have been received by: Gail Baker, Desiree Butter, Laura Cole, Ben Coleman, Rachel Cooke, Colleen Demers, Laura Fitzgerald, Ponokah Gillespie, Josh Gilman, Cristina Gonzalez, Thomas Grandprey, Sarah Greeley, Shea Justice, Carol Lewis, Beth Mangano, Math Department, Shawn Miller, Tim Nikula, JK Park, Jim Raffel, Hanka Ray, Paul Shultz, Chris Shutzer and the Beacon Program, Marci Stoda, Kathleen Thompson, Seth Weiss, Danielle Weisse, Matt Wentworth, Brendan Wimberley. The certificates indicate that a gift has been made

in the teachers' honor to FELS in appreciation of their guidance, motivation and inspiration by grateful parents. FELS believes that "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." (Henry Adams).

Student Representative Report

There was no student representative report.

Teachers' Association Report

Caroline Singler reported that Counselor Laura Cole held a workshop with parents of children with disabilities who are currently navigating the college process.

LSPO provided sweets and savories to the faculty during their second professional development workshop day.

Librarians Paula Myers and Susan King received an award of excellence for the LS website from the Massachusetts School Library Association.

Faculty are currently conferencing with students regarding course placement and selections.

Faculty are also working with the Sudbury and Lincoln Middle Schools regarding transition planning, advanced placement tests etc. in preparing for the students first year at LS.

8th Grade Parent Night was held on March 9th, 2017.

Lastly, the 9th grade Diversity Workshop was held with 35 members of the faculty working with student leaders.

Chairman's Report

Elena Kleifges announced the success of the annual SERF College Fair. LS Guidance Counselors held a workshop on use of Naviance for parents for which parents were very grateful. The School Start Time Committee will be joining forces with Sudbury Public School's committee. Sandy Crawford will be taking responsibility for the LS committee and working with Peter Elenbaas, Nancy Marshall, a parent from Sudbury and a parent from Lincoln. They will be meeting next week and providing surveys to the LS community after April break. Ms. Kleifges requested that School Committee members indicate to her when they would be available for classroom visits.

Liaison Reports

Nancy Marshall announced the FELS Talk which will take place on April 5th. It is titled "Journalism in Democracy in the 21st Century." Panelists include Rachel Rohr, Managing Editor of Charlie Sennott's The GroundTruth Project; Louise Kennedy from WBUR; Anne Mostue, Bloomberg News; Isaac Feldberg, LS Alum currently at Northeastern University who is majoring in Journalism and working as an intern at the Boston Globe; Alice Waugh of the Lincoln Squirrel; and LS History Faculty member David Grace. This is a fundraising event for FELS which allows educators to pursue a passion, academic area, or professional development interest.

Superintendent/Principal's Report

Ms. Wong reported on Project LS which was launched on March 2nd with assemblies and workshops. The purpose of Project LS is to respect human differences and create community. The shared experience of the March 2nd assemblies and workshops was to generate conversation about different perspectives of a shared experience. Shared experiences are an important tool in community building. The aim of the project has been to express that everyone has a place at LS and that our community is committed to hearing all viewpoints.

The second week of Project LS was World Language week; the third week of March faculty will be doing lessons in the classroom and diversity workshops were scheduled. The final week of March will be devoted to Student Voices including Mix-it-up Day during lunch blocks and a screening of a movie on the nature of feminism showed by S.T.E.W.

Ms. Wong expressed her appreciation to Lori Hodin, Annalisa Notaro, Susan Shields, Jason Medeiros, and Leslie Patterson, who spearheaded this endeavor and were awarded grants to help support it.

The students requested consideration of an honor society for 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. The Academic Council has decided to decline this request.

Virginia Blake, Curriculum Director, has visited 8th grade students at Curtis and Lincoln schools to introduce them to course selection process. On April 7th, Bella Wong, Aida Ramos, Sandy Crawford, and Bella Wong will attend a Curtis Parent Organization meeting to speak about 8th grade transition. On April 28th, this team will attend a Lincoln Parent Organization meeting to similarly address 8th grade transition to LS.

Ms. Wong attended a Summit on Poverty at Clark University that discussed urban, rural and suburban poverty. She also has attended programs sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to keep abreast of national policy changes in education.

Ms. Wong will be sending out a letter to LS families on travel opportunities for the coming school year.

Finally, Ms. Wong thanked the LS School Committee and residents of Lincoln for approving the FY18 budget. She also thanked Peyton Marshall for presenting the LSRHS budget as part of the Finance Committee's comprehensive budget presentation at the annual Lincoln Town Meeting on March 25th, 2017.

Director of Finance and Operations' Report

Sherry Kersey reported working on transportation for next year. LS will be using Nutrikids/My School Bucks portal for the registration process. Concrete ridership data will be accumulated to best prepare for the coming school year.

Information & Discussion

There was no information nor discussion.

Action Items

Second reading of the Remote Participating Policy.

VOTE: Gerald Quirk moved to adopt the Remote Participating Policy. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

VOTE: Gerald Quirk moved that the Lincoln Sudbury Regional District School Committee approve that the Director of Finance and Operations award and enter into a contract with Field Turf, Col. For the replacement of Turf Fields 1 and 2 in response to the Invitation for Bids dated February 22, 2017. Nancy Marshall seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Warrants and payroll were signed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Calendar of Events

Chinese Folk Art Workshop	April 1, 2017
3 rd Quarter ends	April 4, 2017
LS School Committee	April 4, 2017
FELS Talk	April 5, 2017
Café Cabaret	April 7, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Patriots' Day	April 17, 2017
Spring Recess	April 18-21, 2017
Connections	April, 25, 2017
LS School Committee	April 25, 2017

Adjourn

Radha Gargeya moved to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Francy Zingale