

Presentation

Bella Wong introduced Chief Scott Nix of the Sudbury Police and Chief Kevin Kennedy of the Lincoln Police. She thanked the gentlemen and their multi-talented staff for their concern and assistance in keeping L-S a safe environment. She reported that there is regular ongoing communication with each police force regarding best safety practices.

Chief Nix added that continual reassessment of response protocols was standard operation procedure for both police departments. Chief Kennedy added that open lines of communication between the school and police departments were important and had been a longstanding feature of the relationship between police and school for many years. He also complimented L-S on the many initiatives designed to enhance connection between students and staff within the building and that many programs were models to be emulated by other schools. The Lincoln Police Department has been a member of the New England Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) for over a decade and the Sudbury Police Department is currently applying for membership. The council provides valuable resources in times of need to its membership.

Ms. Wong stated that safety matters at L-S are scrutinized with a very comprehensive lens and that the local police departments, have been instrumental in assisting in training our staff. Ms. Wong reported that not enough can be said about how much our knowledge and support of mental health issues have been expanded at L-S. Ms. Wong also proposed to update the last Safety Review, which took place in 2007 to incorporate the initiatives that have been put in place since 2007. Members of the School Committee were in agreement with revisiting and updating the Safety Review and thanked Chief Nix and Chief Kennedy for their continued partnership with L-S to maintain safety and security for our students.

Ms. Wong informed the committee that students were planning to take part in a Walkout for 17 Minutes on March 17th in memory of the Parkland, Florida victims. L-S administration, faculty, staff and students will collaborate with the law enforcement officers to ensure that the Walkout is conducted in a thoughtful, safe and meaningful way.

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Dennis Phillips, Educational Technology Director/Computer Technician brought the School Committee members up to date on the current state of technology in the building. There are currently 1100 school-owned devices in the building which include chromebooks, imac, macbook air, and ipad. Each week there are over 3160 unique IP requests. The current capacity is 8,000 connections at once. There are 183 access points spread out over the 385,000 square feet of the building and there are 4 access points outside of the building. There is 500 mb internet connectivity despite filtering to make L-S CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) compliant. During the summer of 2018, the system will move to a 1g FIOS connection and some services will be moved outside the building which makes backup sources more important. The anticipated VOIP phone service will help provide a better backup solution.

L-S technological capabilities have grown enormously since the last technological upgrade. There is now email for all faculty, staff, students and School Committee members; Google classroom; 23 mobile labs each containing enough devices for an entire class; 120 “green” printers; and capability for online testing for entire grades. The technology department is constantly evaluating how well technological capabilities enhance the educational experience for students, and assuring that faculty have the technological tools for teaching effectively and efficiently. Continuing education for faculty and staff is always available. Other efforts with an eye toward the future are continuing to find ways to become paperless, bolstering the WiFi density, and expanding the classroom experience for students and teachers.

Public Comment

There were a number of parent comments regarding matters of school safety. Mr. Doug Zingale spoke about the fact that in all cases of student violence in schools, there were threatening expressions from the perpetrator and that they had been identified as students at risk. He advised a high standard of safety that would sensitize all members of the school community, including students so that information would be conveyed to a responsible adult. Mr. Mike Tocco wondered if security measures at L-S had been benchmarked against other schools and if so, where did L-S rank? He was concerned that the building was too open to provide adequate security measures.

Ms. Wong responded that a great number of programs are in place at L-S to assess the mental health of students including the Beacon Program, the addition of more clinical counselors, training students in A.C.T. (Acknowledge, Care, Talk) and violence prevention; improved IEP assessments; and continuing education of general education teachers in strategies and best practices for students at risk. L-S is similar to most schools in balancing the challenges of culture vs. safety and security. Ms. Siobhan Hullinger stated that young families whose students are entering L-S are accustomed to closed campus systems and have an expectation of increased security measures. Mr. Paul Hambelton suggested that parents are increasingly worried about the safety of their children and may view the cost of providing it in a different light.

Recognitions

Kathleen Thompson and Shari Idelson chaperoned 13 LS students on a service trip to Tanzania for 10 days over the February break. The students gained “hands on” experience in a number of daily household chores from tending goats, laying a foundation for a house, shopping in the market for food, and carrying water from a source 1 mile away. Beyond learning of the culture and history of Tanzania, they learned that “passion plus issue equals change” and they learned the 5 pillars that are integral to the efforts of charitable organizations in developing countries such as Tanzania: education, health, water, food security, and opportunity. In addition, the students went on safari and saw elephant families, zebra, lion, monkeys, etc. It was a remarkable, educational, and memorable experience for all.

LS students Julia Martin, Itzel Herrera Garcia, Melissa Parzych, Jordyn Nash, Allie Kantrovitz, and Katie Castellani travelled to the Dominican Republic with Doreen McCarthy and Paul Sarapas during the February break. They lived and worked closely with children from the community of Batey Libertad. The service project was to work in the schools with the children while learning about their challenges. After spending 4 nights in the village, the LS students visited the Turismo Alternativo, a completely self-sustainable eco-friendly lodge at the top of the mountains overlooking the Island Hispaniola.

The boys basketball team has qualified for the state tournament for the first time in 4 years! LS will be hosting Worcester North at 7pm tonight (Tuesday, February 27). We congratulate Jack Coletti, Brett Flanagan, Brendan Frain, Andrew guerra, Keith Hylton, Chandler Katz, Stephen Kennedy, Anil Lele, Milind Lele, Michael MacKinnon, Joe Mephram, Brett Parker, Brennan Rotar, Brett Siegel, Jack Sorbo, Travis Surin, Kahmari Williams, and Alec Zaccardo.

Hypnotist Dan Candell will perform in the LS Auditorium on March 3rd at 7pm. Proceeds from the show will be donated to the LSTA Senior Scholarship.

DeCordova Museum is holding its **first ever Teen Night** inspired by the current exhibition, [*Screens: Virtual Material*](#), which explores contemporary artists' responses to the idea of both analog and digital screens. LS Senior Emma Plunkett, along with students from Newton South and Concord-Carlisle, is helping to co-organize the fun-filled event on **Thursday, March 8, 6:30-8:30**. It will be a fun evening filled with art, screen-related activities, and lots of snacks. LS alumni parent Julie Dobrow, a media literacy specialist, will be leading a discussion on "The Unwritten Rules of Social Media," prompting profound yet humorous conversation around teen and adult use of various social media platforms.

Four members of the LS Environmental Club (Anjuli Das, Julia Concannon, Nicole Garay, and Lucy Bergeron) met with Lincoln Board of Selectmen last evening to present their plastic reduction bylaws. These bylaws will be presented to the Lincoln Town meeting on March 24th in a binding vote to ban the use of single use plastic bags and bottles. This is the third time that the students have gone before this board with their proposals. The students received a unanimous vote of support on their plastic bag bylaw and a 2-1 vote in favor of supporting the bottle bylaw. This is a great victory! The club members have worked extremely hard over the last two years and represented both themselves and the L-S community with poise and determination.

Student Representative Report

Kerri Johnson, Student Senate President, reported that the Student Senate has not had many opportunities to meet during Semester 2 as a result of mid-terms and an early release snow day. The student senate plans to address faculty concerns about the Santa fundraiser in December and are planning Staff Appreciation Day.

METCO Parent Report

There was no METCO Parent Report.

Teachers' Association Report

Caroline Singler reported that it is mid-quarter for Semester 2 and that teachers are preparing progress reports and conducting check-ins with students. The second day of Professional Development will take place on February 28th. The L-S Music Department is visiting Curtis Middle School and Lincoln Middle School to introduce incoming students to our music program. Eighth Grade Parent Night will take place on March 8th in the L-S Auditorium.

Chairman's Report

See beginning of Minutes.

Liaison Reports

There was no Liaison Report.

Superintendent/Principal's Report

There was no Superintendent/Principal Report

Director of Finance and Operations Report

There was no Director of Finance and Operations Report

Information and Discussion

Excess and Deficiency Policy, Second Reading

Action Items

Vouchers #1075-1079 were signed.

VOTE: Radha Gargeya offered a motion "that L-S School Committee form an L-S Safety Review for the purpose of reviewing, reporting and making recommendations on all operational, physical and educational aspects of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School as they relate to the safety of students and staff. The Sub-committee shall be comprised of various representatives of both Lincoln and Sudbury." The motion was seconded by Patty Mostue. There was no discussion and all present were in favor.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Calendar

Friends of Music for 8th Grade Parents	February 28, 2018
Q3 Warnings	March 1, 2018
World Language Declamation	March 8, 2018
8th Grade Parents' Night	March 8, 2018
Jr. District Music	March 9, 2018

LS School Committee , in **Lincoln**
Pops Concert
SERF College Fair

March 13, 2018
March 15, 2018
March 17, 2018

Adjournment

Craig Gruber offered a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Nancy Marshall.
All present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Francy Zingale