

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

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

7:30 p.m. Public Session

Conference Room B

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

Also Present: Bella Wong, Interim Superintendent/Principal; Glenn Fratto, Business Manager; Susan Shields, TA Co-President.

Welcome

Radha Gargeya opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Elena Kleifges moved that the minutes from September 24, 2013 be accepted. Nancy Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor; Nancy Marshall abstained.

Agenda Enclosures/Handouts

Public Comment

Lucy St. George from the Sudbury Public School Committee was recognized by the Chair.

Presentation

Recognitions

Sarah Greeley has been nominated to the New Agenda Northeast Hall of Fame. This induction recognizes women who have made outstanding efforts and contributions to promote and advance the role of girls and women in sport. Sarah has been a champion of girls' rugby throughout our state. She will be recognized on Sunday, November 3rd, at the Woodland Golf Club in Newton. This is a singular honor for someone so early in her career.

The LS Boys' Hockey Team has been selected to participate in Frozen Fenway games on the morning of December 31st at 10:15 a.m. LS was chosen to honor Nancy O'Neil's career as Athletic Director.

Back to School Night, September 25, 2013, went very well and recognition is due to all who participated in welcoming parents to the school. Special

recognition to the students who provided music throughout the building which was greatly appreciated by parents and staff.

Student Representative

Ninth grade elections will take place next week in History classrooms. The Senate is brainstorming for projects for the coming year and planning to continue the Faculty Appreciation Week.

TA Report

Susan Shields reported that Back to School Night from the Teachers' perspective is very enjoyable as a time to share their goals for the year and to meet the parents.

The Faculty are beginning the process of working with the new evaluation system and preparing for first goals meetings.

Chairman's Report

Radha Gargeya expressed his thanks to the Lincoln and Sudbury Boards of Selectmen, the FINCOMs of each town and the School Committee to discuss the technology needs of LS on October 15th, 2013 in Conference Room B at 7:30 p.m. Radha Gargeya will send out an agenda prior to the meeting.

Liaison Report

Patty Mostue attended the recent EDCO meeting in Waltham.

Superintendent's Report

The MetroWest Risk Survey results are in. The Faculty have organized a "World Café" event on October 9th, at 1:30 p.m. There will be a community evening for the same purpose on October 16th at 7:30 p.m. Students will be leading the small group discussions. School Committee members are invited to attend. As a follow-up, Susan Shields, David Bloom and Emily Phillips will present their findings to the School Committee during the November 12th meeting.

Information and Discussion

The first item is the Superintendent/Principal Search. Mr. Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, met with members of the School Committee on September 19th to discuss the Superintendent/Principal Search Process. Mr. Koocher informed the Committee that there are 26 schools in the region searching for a Superintendent/Principal. The School Committee considered several options including ensuring continuity during this period of transition.

One option considered is to extend the contract of the current Interim Superintendent/Principal for an additional year. Kevin Matthews moved to extend Interim Superintendent/Principal Bella Wong's contract for an additional

year to end on June 30, 2015. Elena Kleifges seconded the motion. All were in favor. Kevin Matthews stated that the School Committee was very comfortable working with Ms. Wong and that it would benefit the school to extend the current contract. Elena Kleifges supported the idea of continuity of this position in order to assure continued smooth transition. Nancy Marshall reminded the members that the School Committee has a great deal of work in front of it and it would allow the school goals and overall operations at LS to be appropriately addressed over the course of the school year without the distractions and shortcomings a search would impose.

Gerald Quirk moved to authorize Radha Gargeya to represent the LS School Committee to enter into an agreement with Bella Wong to formalize this intention. Elena Kleifges seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Wong expressed her appreciation of the School Committees support for her work at LS. She looks forward to getting to know students and communities better. Ms. Wong is very excited to continue for another year at LS.

Ms. Wong reported on the NEASC response to LS's Five-Year Progress Report. The response included a long list of commendations including the Anti-bullying initiative, the school climate committee, use of surveys to receive feedback from alumni regarding fulfillment of core values from a graduate's perspective, the adaptation of school-wide rubrics by individual departments, the role of the academic council in review of performance data, the restoration of a fourth house, the proposed changes to Sudbury town by-laws to include the high school in capital plans, and the participation of all 12th grade students in the Senior Day of Service. NEASC requires a Special Progress report due April 1, 2014 that will provide information on continuing efforts at LS.

Ms. Wong described the Global Summit Trip to China presented by EF (Education First). Student teams are invited to participate in this leadership summit. Our students will choose an 8-day trip (March 11-19, 2014) that will include two days in Shanghai and 6 days in China. The theme is social responsibility and is tied to corporate sponsors: Patagonia, Tom ' s of Maine, Google and Apple. JK Park will be the faculty advisor. He will host an informational meeting on October 9th followed by a parent-student meeting on October 14th. He will try to finalize enrollment by the end of October. It is open to all grades. The program needs a minimum of 6 students to run and will cost approximately \$4,000.

Nancy Marshall moved that the School Committee support the proposal to introduce the Global Summit Trip to LS students. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Bella Wong notified the School Committee that she would be travelling with other educators, including many Superintendents, to Helsinki and Berlin to promote global learning initiatives. She will present information from the trip to the LS staff during a professional development workshop day in January.

Glenn Fratto requested a motion that the School Committee approve a donation of computer equipment from a Sudbury resident valued at \$1,000. Elena Kleifges moved that the donation be accepted and Nancy Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Calendar

Warnings	October 2, 2013
Columbus Day	October 14
Joint Meeting, LSSC, BOS	October 15, 2013
Financial Aid Night	October 22, 2013
School Committee Meeting	October 24, 2013
Lincoln State of the Town Mtg	November 9, 2013

Adjournment

Radha Gargeya requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Matthews moved that the meeting be adjourned and Elena Kleifges seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Francy Zingale