

**LINCOLN-SADBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

**7:02 PM**

**Zoom**

**Present**

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

**Also Present**

Bella Wong, *Superintendent/Principal*;  
Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*;  
Helen Sotiriou, *Co-Teachers' Association*; LSRHS Student Senate;  
*LSRHS Students: Shaun Mulvihill, Justin Miller, and Max Troiano*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Presentation**

● **WWII/Cold War European Tour**

*Through the Eyes of LSRHS Students: Olivia Gottlieb, Justin Miller  
Shaun Mulvihill, and Max Troiano*

LSRHS's students and staff participated in the WWII/Cold War trip to Germany during the February break. There were 15 students who toured Berlin, Prague, Krakow, and Budapest with Supt. Principal Bella Wong; History teachers Mr. Timothy Nikula and Mr. David Hosford. Students and staff visited historic sites like; Terezin-A medieval town that was converted to a Jewish Ghetto; Auschwitz-A camp for Jewish individuals, and other minority groups- like authors and artists. Students/staff toured a school, a Jewish Cemetery, Dresden, Gellert Hill, Spanish Synagogue of Prague, and so many more historic sites throughout Germany.

"The food was amazing!" -Olivia Gottlieb

[WWII/Cold War '23 Slides](#)

## ● **Portrait of an LS Graduate**

*Virginia Blake, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.*

-The "Portrait of an L-S Graduate" was developed 6 years ago in support of skills LSRHS faculty thought students should possess.

-Review of recent versions of the curriculum guides reveals that every component of the Portrait of a Graduate is met in some course (or groups of courses) that every L-S student takes.

[Portrait of an LS Graduate in the Lincoln-Sudbury Curriculum Slides](#)

### **Information and Discussion**

*Kevin Matthews, Chair of the Superintendent Search Sub-Committee*

-The selected candidates for the Superintendent/Principal position confirmed their interest in the position.

-Out of respect for the Supt./Principal Finalists- the Screening Committee will allow candidates time to inform their district of their recent decision to pursue the LSRSD Superintendent/Principal position.

-Supt./Principal Finalists' names will be disclosed on Thursday, March 23, 2023 during the full school committee meeting.

-Thank you to the Screening Committee for your time, your thoughtfulness and positivity throughout this entire process.

### **Student Senate Representative Report**

*Olivia Gottlieb, Secretary of the Student Senate*

-The next meeting for the Student Senate will be Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

-At the previous meeting, individuals discussed how to keep the cafeteria clean and ways to mitigate the increase in vaping. Peter Elenbass joined the discussion; honing in on educating students the cons of vaping.

### **METCO Program Report**

*No Report*

## **Teachers' Association Representative Report**

*Helen Sotiriou, Co-President of Teachers' Association*

- The Math department was grateful and appreciative for being able to attend the LSSC/METCO meeting in Boston on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. "We really had a good time-Thank you!"
- The "Reality Fair" hosted by Kathleen Thompson and Kate Grant was Friday, March 17, 2023. The event was a huge success!
- The "Arts Assembly"-performances from the LSRHS Orchestra was Friday, March 17, 2023.
- "Pi Day" took place on Thursday, March 16, 2023; instead of March 14th (3/14), due to the snowstorm.
- The Advisory PD meeting will be on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.
- ELA MCAS will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 and Wednesday, March 29, 2023.
- Winter sports concluded, while Spring tryouts started.

## **Chairperson and Liaison Updates**

No Updates

## **Superintendent/Principal Updates**

*Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal*

- Thank you Milly Arbaje Thomas for hosting LS staff, students and the School Committee. Thank you Melanie Palma for the wonderful presentation. In addition, thank you Sharita Langston and Damen Kelton for organizing the wonderful/delicious dinner.
- "Shout Out" to the individuals/families who visited LSRHS for the "Grade 8 Parents/Guardian Night" on Thursday, March 9th.
- The Junior Districts Festival (performing Arts) took place on Friday, March 10th and Saturday, March 11th. This is such a great opportunity for LSRHS. The festival allows others to observe our space.
- Musician's Union took place on Friday, March 17, 2023.
- Winter sports concluded. Spring sports started.
- METCO Advocacy Day was on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. LS staff/students visited the State House to advocate for the METCO programs throughout Massachusetts.

-On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, many LSRHS administrators attended the “Annual Women’s Educators Leadership Network Conference.

-The Advisory PD meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

-The “Senior Class Show” will be held Friday, March 24, 2023.

-The Lincoln Annual town meeting will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 9:30am. Intended to be the first round for approving the budget for next year.

-Sudbury’s town meeting will be May 1, 2023-May 3, 2023.

-Informational meeting for the “Civil Rights Tour” (April of 2024) takes place on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Another Costa Rica trip was recently added for February of 2024.

### **Director of Finance and Operations Report**

Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations Report*

-The district was not impacted by the closure of the Silicon Valley Bank.

-There is a new format for the food service RFP, which must be approved by DESE. Approved and released for the district’s one year contract renewals.

-LSRSD was selected for an UGG (Uniform Grant Guidance) single audit for the ESSER III grant. The district has been audited four times this cycle. All required samplings and information were submitted; awaiting final drafts for all audits.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Heather Cowap moved to accept the LSSC Minutes for January 10, 2023, February 2, 2023, February 7, 2023, March 2, 2023 and March 7, 2023, as corrected. Mary Warzynski seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Five out of six school committee members were in favor via roll call vote.

### **Future Agenda Items**

-Create a protocol for students ordering/purchasing food during class time hours.

-Invite a local legislator to speak on behalf of all the commonwealth special education private school placements increasing to 14% at a SC meeting.

-Continue to develop/implement a hybrid school committee meeting policy and hone in on the technology issues.

### **Adjourn to Executive Session**

Heather Cowap requested a motion to adjourn to executive session without returning to open session. Mary Warzynski seconded the motion. Five out of six members of the School Committee were in favor via roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

