

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

7PM

HYBRID

Present

Cara Endyke-Doran, *Chair*; Ravi Simon, *Vice Chair*;
Catherine Bitter; Kevin Matthews; Lucy Maulsby; Mary Warzynski.

Also Present

Andrew Stephens, *LSRHS Superintendent/Principal*
Meghan Notari, *President of Teachers' Association*
Kirsteen Patterson, *Director of Finance and Operations*
LSRHS METCO Program Parent Representative
LSRHS Student Senate

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09PM.

Public Comment

No comment

Student Senate Updates

Mikhal Shvartsman, *Secretary of LSRHS Student Senate*

- On Wednesday, November 1, 2023, a taste tasting review for the incoming vending machines took place in the C/B connector. The reviews were informative. We'll keep you posted regarding everyone's favorite snacks.
- The Student Senate strives for more representation throughout the school, particularly from Boston and Lincoln students.

METCO Program Report Updates

Yolanda Parker, METCO Parent Representative

- There are currently 89 students enrolled in METCO.
- There was a “Late, Late Fan” bus back to Boston on Friday, November 2, 2023. This bus allowed students to stay after school and cheer on the football teams. Students were fed prior to the home game.
- METCO is status quo with all partnerships.
- The METCO juniors attended a College Fair at the Reggie Lewis Center through the ‘Building Bridges’ LLC.
- All eligible Boston students in good standing and friends of the programs traveled to APEX Entertainment Center in Marlboro, MA. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Presentations

Andrew Stephens, Superintendent/Principal

Massachusetts Superintendents’ Award for Academic Excellence is awarded each year to two students from the graduating senior class, who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their high school careers. To be considered for the award, the student must be a member of the senior class with a cumulative GPA that places them in the top 10% of their class. The nominee must also consistently demonstrate traits of leadership, social responsibility, respect for their fellow students and involvement in various aspects of the school community.

- Congratulations to LSRHS seniors Nate Garozzo and Frances Yee as the recipients of the Massachusetts Superintendents’ Award for Academic Excellence.

Additional Presentations

- [11/8/23 LS Advisory Program Update](#)
Tracy Ryan, Rachel Cooke, Melisa Nasella
- [11/8/2023 2023 MCAS Report](#)
Leslie Patterson

Information and Discussion

Cara Endyke-Doran, Chair of LS School Committee

At the previous school committee meeting, members agreed to improve their communication with the community through a bi-weekly monthly newsletter, in addition to monthly listening sessions.

- [LSSC Community Outreach Activities Calendar](#)

Chairperson and Liaison Updates

- Catherine Bitter reported on attending the Racial Climate Community Group meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The meeting was enlightening and interesting. There were about 25 attendees in-person, including an online audience. Students posted questions regarding their personal experiences experiencing race and racial identity.

Which raises the question- As a school committee, what can we do to promote greater equity and better racial climate?

- Ravi Simon reported on recently attending the Wellness Policy meeting. The topic of discussion was the steady trend of vaping, and how the use of vaping in the bathrooms continues to be an issue. Stakeholders continue to learn/discover solutions in decreasing this known trend. Going forward, members of the Wellness Policy Committee are taking a look at what other districts are implementing in hopes of decreasing vaping among high schoolers. Perhaps, sensors in the bathrooms?

Teachers' Association Updates

Meghan Notari, President of the Teachers' Association

- On Tuesday, October 31, 2023- The Wellness Department, the Library, and the Main Office hosted a Halloween staff breakfast.
- The Special Education department hosted a breakfast on Monday, November 20, 2023.
- Senior Dress up day- On Wednesday, November 1, 2023 was a big success! The underclassmen experienced the festivities in the Auditorium via online.
- Quarter one grades are due today- Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The Metro West Survey, and the American Mathematics Competition, also took place.
- The LSB Players' musical- "Curtains" took place- November 15th-18th.
- The Depression Workshop took place on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. The sophomores are expected to attend, including any juniors and seniors who are new to the LSRHS this year or missed the training in previous years.
- Thank you Cathie for attending/participating on the panelist at the Racial Climate Community Group meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Panelists included LSRHS teachers Seth Weiss, Phillip James, Ashley Gomes, and Sarah Greely.
- LS fall sports continue to make the playoffs.
- Science classes recently created a solar water heater. The 'Build It Better' engineering classes constructed fidget toys.
- The 'Reality Fair' date has been set for Friday, March 15, 2024. All seniors are expected to attend.
- The Math department plans to visit various math departments within the neighboring districts; like AB, Concord-Carlisle, Lexington, and Newton North.

Superintendent/Principal Updates

Andrew Stephens, LSRHS Superintendent/Principal

Global Scholars Program:

- This program is designed to teach students skills, content knowledge, and perspectives that equip them to become life-long, active participants in our global community.
- Students enrolled in the Global Scholars Program are required to enroll in a minimum of 6 globally oriented courses; take 4 full years of high school language study (this requirement can be modified for students with individualized education plans); participate in an international or intercultural travel experience; complete 30 hours of globally minded community service (this is in addition to the 15rs required for graduation); participate in various reflective activities throughout their sophomore and junior years; and complete a capstone project on an individual topic of interest at the end of their senior year.
- Students join the Global Scholars program in the middle of their Sophomore year, and participate in the program until the end of their Senior year. Enrollment in the program is very high and continues to grow. This year we anticipate around 70 senior capstone presentations. (Up from 15 last year.) Capstone presentations will take place in April at L-S.
- The Global Scholars Program is now in full swing at L-S and the program advisors have visited World Language courses giving an introductory presentation designed to make all sophomore students aware of the Global Scholars Program. Today there was also an in-depth information session for all interested sophomores.

Musical:

- The LSB Players will be putting on the Fall Musical called “Curtains”. The production will run starting at 7:30 pm in the LS Auditorium from November 15-18. I hope you will all consider attending!

Athletics:

- Congratulations to all of our Fall athletes, coaches and teams who represented LS and the Lincoln and Sudbury communities so admirably this season.
- Congratulations to LS Swimming coach **Julie Nocka**, who was recognized by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the recipient of the 2022-2023 Coach of the Year Award for the sport of Girls Swimming and Diving.

Director of Finance and Operations

Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations

- The health insurance advisory committee plans to meet for the annual summary review regarding new medicare retiree rates. The plan is to also look at the expected market trends for health insurance increases regarding the active plans.
- The E & D was submitted to the Department of Revenue. The completion of the review process is expected in several months.
- The budgeting process has begun. The preliminary budget will be presented to the school committee on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Action Items:

Cara Endyke-Doran moved to accept the LSSC Minutes for October 24, 2023. As there were no objections or corrections to these minutes, they stand as approved, as read.

Future Agenda Items

-Discuss/explore whether the LS School Committee should be appointing potential LSRHS Administration as employees.

Public Comment

No comment

Adjournment

Cara Endyke-Doran motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ravi Simon second the motion. Six(6) out of six(6) members of the School Committee were in favor via roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.