

Sudbury School Committee (SSC)
Meeting Minutes
School Committee Meeting
June 11, 2019
Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, Conference Room A

Members Present:

Lisa Kouchakdjian, Chair
Silvia Nersessian, Vice Chair
Meredith Gerson
Margaret Helon
Christine Hogan

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent of Schools
Kimberly Swain, Assistant Superintendent of schools
Donald Sawyer, Director of Business and Finance
Ellen Vedora, SEA Representative

Regular Session Meeting

Ms. Kouchakdjian opened the meeting at 6:34 PM and welcomed SEA Representative Ellen Vedora to the meeting.

1. Special Matters
 - a. Acknowledgment of Richard Tinsley's School Committee Service
 - i. On behalf of the School Committee, Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian thanked former Member and Vice-Chair Richard Tinsley for his service to the Sudbury community. Mr. Tinsley rose to thank the teachers of Sudbury Public Schools for their hard work, and the people of Sudbury who elected him to serve. Mr. Tinsley was presented with citations from the Massachusetts House of Representatives and State Senate, as well as a personalized engraved chair.
2. Open Forum
 - a. Maia Proujansky Bell of Lakewood Drive addressed the Committee about her concerns regarding tuitioning students into the Student Services Department.
 - b. Monica Rogan of Goodnow Road spoke to the Committee about her desire for additional communication and transparency regarding school enrollment statistics.
 - c. SEA Representative Ellen Vedora informed the Committee of several end-of-year activities occurring in classrooms at Haynes Elementary School, including the Chicken Festival, the 4Energy engineering project, and poetry lessons.
3. Business and Policy Matters
 - a. PTO Gift Presentations
 - i. Loring PTO

1. Loring PTO Chair and Vice-Chair Rachel Heckler and Deb Cooley presented to the Committee on the gifts the PTO would like to donate to Loring Elementary School, including a Learning Studio, Sensory Paths, an air conditioner for the art room, and several other items from the wish list submitted by the School's teachers and administrators. The total cash value of the gifts is \$43,151.51. Committee members took turns expressing their gratitude to the PTO for these gifts.
 - a. Christine Hogan motioned to accept a gift from the Loring PTO in the value of \$43,151.51, Maggie Helon seconded.
 - i. **VOTE: 5-0.** Motion carries.
 - ii. Nixon PTO
 1. Janelle Edlefsen, the Co-Chair of the PTO for Nixon Elementary School, presented to the Committee on the gift the PTO would like to donate to Nixon, a Learning Studio. The cash value of the gift is \$17,000.00. Committee members took turns expressing their appreciation.
 - a. Meredith Gerson motioned to accept a gift from the Loring PTO in the value of \$17,000.00, Silvia Nerssessian seconded.
 - i. **VOTE: 5-0.** Motion carries.
 - iii. Noyes PTO
 1. Jenn Jackson and Shonda Morris, the PTO Co-Chairs for Noyes Elementary School, presented to the Committee on the gift the PTO would like to donate to Noyes, a Learning Studio valued at up to \$25,000.00. Members took turns expressing how thankful they were for this gift.
 - a. Maggie Helon motioned to accept a gift from the Noyes PTO valued up to \$25,000.00, Meredith Gerson seconded.
 - i. **VOTE: 5-0.** Motion carries.
- b. Change in School Start Time
 - i. The Committee discussed the public forum that was held on the future of school start times in Sudbury, as well as the larger issue itself. Committee members expressed a desire to ensure consistent communication from the district on the transition to new start times and noted the various positive effects that the proposed new start times could have on students across the district. The Committee also discussed challenges the District will encounter during the rollout of new start times, as well as ways those challenges may be overcome.
 - c. Review Liaison/Subcommittee Roles
 - i. The Committee reviewed their subcommittee and role assignments for the 2019-2020 school year. Silvia Nerssessian suggested that the Committee dissolve the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee, with the suggestion that the Superintendent bring his goals directly to the full

Committee for review. The Committee agreed to this dissolution. The re-establishment of a liaison to Parks and Recreation was discussed but ultimately rejected. A Playgrounds Liaison position was created, and Meredith Gerson appointed to fill it.

1. Christine Hogan motioned to approve the FY20 Liaison and School Committee Responsibilities Assignments Worksheet as amended, Silvia Nerssessionian seconded.

a. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries

d. Minutes

i. December 10, 2018

1. Silvia Nerssessionian motioned to approve the December 10, 2018 meeting minutes as presented and edited, Christine Hogan seconded.

a. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

4. Joint Meeting with School Committee for Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Regarding School Start Times

- a. The School Committee for Sudbury Public Schools joined the School Committee for the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District in the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Library for a joint meeting on school start times. The Committees reviewed their thoughts on the previous evening's public forum on start times, and discussed how to best streamline communications on the topic.

- i. Christine Hogan motioned that Sudbury Public Schools change its school start times beginning in the 2020-21 school year to an elementary school day of 7:55-2:20 and a middle school day of 8:30-3:10, Meredith Gerson seconded.

1. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

5. Adjournment

- a. Christine Hogan motioned to adjourn at 8:14 PM, Meredith Gerson seconded the motion.

i. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Dulak

Documents Review during the June 11, 2019 Meeting

1. Loring PTO Summer 2019 Gifts Presentation
2. General John Nixon Elementary School PTO Letter dated June 5, 2019
3. FY20 Liaison and SC Responsibilities Assignments Worksheet
4. DRAFT Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2018