

LSRHS School Council: School Improvement Plan 2011-12

School Councils were created by the 1993 MA Ed Reform law. The law charges School Councils with the duties of approving changes to the discipline code, reviewing the budget, discussing the goals of the school, evaluating the needs of the school, and collaborating on an annual school improvement plan, which they must submit to the School Committee for approval.

The School Council meets one Friday per month from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the LSRHS Conference Room A. Meetings are open to the public. School Council subcommittees meet on an as needed basis to complete their assigned tasks.

School Council Members 2010-11

Students	Staff	Parents/Community Members
Annika Nygren '12 Amy Schapiro '11 Tommy Hannigan '11 Andy Driscoll '12	Suanne Peterson elected 2009 Dave Bloom elected 2009 Paul Sarapas elected 2009 Susan Shields re-elected 2010 Tracie Lopez re-elected 2010 MJ Walsh re-elected 2010 Annalisa Notaro elected 2010 Scott Carpenter permanent member	Wendy Casey elected 2009 Jay Flanagan elected 2009 Kate Howd elected 2009 Cathy Rogers elected 2009 Brad Singer elected 2010 Beth Rust elected 2010 Lisa Kenney elected 2010 Melanie Berger elected 2010 Jane Santinelli appointed 2010

The School Council Recommends the following items become part of the 2011-12 School Improvement Plan

Improvement Action	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Required Resources	Funding	Time Line	Evaluation Measures/ Benchmarks
Implement Naviance (a guidance/college software system)	Counseling Department	Summer work 2011 Counseling department: .5 FTE for 2011-12 to train students and staff	School budget Note: In FY12 budget	Operational for Class of 2012 and subsequent graduating classes	Students and parents of Class of 2012 are able to access and effectively use resource.
Redesign User Interface of School Website	Web Team & Nancy Errico	Supervised student independent study Staff training of use of new web software ED&E time to update content	School budget Note: In FY12 budget	“Front pages” ready for start of school August 2011 Updates-ongoing 2011-12 and beyond	Analyze site traffic patterns and collect user feedback to determine whether access has improved.
Develop a program for all students that focuses on improving student connectedness with adults at L-S	Superintendent/Principal & TBD “committee”	ED&E Time	School budget Note: Money to begin the conversation is in FY12 budget More money will be needed to fully develop curriculum Potential negotiations implications	“Committee” conversation Summer 2011 Staff discussion & curriculum development 2011-12 Pilot 2012-13 “Formal on-going program” required by NEASC (January 2014)	Ongoing School Climate survey results Meet the NEASC Accreditation mandate*

*http://cpss.neasc.org/downloads/2011_Rating_Guides/School_Culture.pdf

The School Council Recommends the following items for Review and Potential Action in the 2011-12 School Year

Recommended for Review	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Funding
Analyze and report on the utilization and effectiveness of the instructional supports available to all students particularly during the school day using surveys given to the staff (2010) and students (2011). Collect “week in the life of” narratives for staff and students and analyze and report on the Fall 2011 Alumni Survey.	School Council, Instruction and Learning Sub-committee	Small initiatives could be funded in FY12 and in future budgets
Increase internal communications between School Council and other admin or faculty committees/councils, such as School Climate Committee and iPass Advisory Council, in order to develop a better parent understanding of current school policies, philosophies, and initiatives.	School Council, Administration Sub-committee, and other school committees and councils	None needed
Improve external communications with parents and the wider community, as exemplified by the School Council "Parent to Parent Forum" that took place this May 2011 and the Community Connections Program run by Sarah Greeley and Dave Bloom	School Council, interested L-S staff	ED&E, stipending
Facilitate discussions around the methods teachers, students, and parents use to communicate with one another about ongoing student progress	Staff, School Council	None needed
Development of a structured parent-to-parent support group, which can pair parents in need of support with parents who have successfully navigated the same struggles	Interested and trained school personnel, will need oversight of a clinician	ED&E, potential stipending