

## LSRHS School Council: School Improvement Plan 2013-14

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 once per month 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 2012-13

<b>Students</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Parents/Community Members</b>
Monica Driscoll '14 Ruiyi Gao '14 Jacqui Logan '14 Katie Flanagan '15 Tara Mehta '15	Steven Driscoll elected 2012 Amanda Klein elected 2011 Tracie Lopez re-elected 2012 Mark Mason elected 2011 Paul Sarapas re-elected 2011 Susan Shields re-elected 2012 Caroline Singler elected 2012 Scott Carpenter permanent member	Vince Cannistraro elected 2011 Wendy Casey re-elected 2011 Jay Flanagan re-elected 2011 Pat Goepel elected 2012 Juanita Grant-Owens elected 2012 Kate Howd appointed 2012 community rep Siobhan Hullinger elected 2012 Katelyn Klapper elected 2012 Chandra Smart elected 2012

**The School Council Recommends the following items become part of the 2013-14 School Improvement Plan**

<b>Improvement Action</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible for Implementation</b>	<b>Required Resources</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Time Line</b>	<b>Evaluation Measures/ Benchmarks</b>
Raise community awareness of the need for the Technology Initiative	School Council: Instruction, Learning, and Technology Subcommittee	School Council and Subcommittee time	none	Communication with School Committee and Capital Planning Committees begins now-planning	Passage of debt exclusion
Promote school-wide discussion of Academic Honesty	Student Senate, Academic Council, and Faculty School Council: Health Safety and School Culture Subcommittee	Meeting time from Student Senate, Academic Council, and Departments, other schools, time to work with parents to clarify expectations	none	Discussions to take place 2013-14	Shared understanding of the importance of academic honesty. Consideration of adopting honor covenants (similar to athletic covenants)
Develop a program for all students that focuses on improving student connectedness with adults at L-S	Admin/Staff/Student Senate/First Adventure Leaders/House staff/Counseling staf/Edge of Leadership/MYM program/Peer Leader School Council: Health Safety and School Culture Subcommittee (using data/support from the 2011-12 work of the School Climate Committee)	Time	None additional to start- could	Ongoing since 2010-	Improve connectedness from our 2010 baseline data  Modify the NEASC accreditation mandate to allow for flexible programming to meet the goal of student connectedness

Promote discussion about where the school is now and where we would like it to be to both guide new administrative staff and inform the hiring process for the Superintendent/Principal	School Council: Administration and Communication Subcommittee/ Departments/Staff/ Student Senate/ Transition Advisory Committee/FAC/Academic Council	Department time to check in with the Council, Administrative, Staff and Student time communicate about vision and priorities		Fall 2013: October 9 Faculty meeting Check back with departments mid-year	A clear statement of school vision and needs to guide the hiring of the new Superintendent/Principal
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**The School Council Recommends the following items for Review and Potential Action in the 2013-14 School Year**

<b>Recommended for Review</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible for Implementation</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Discuss ways to improve school/community communication: bringing good news about the school out into the community, informing parents about supports, procedures, and transitions, and bringing parent expertise into the school	School Council: Administration and Communication Subcommittee	None needed
Examine and support ways to expand opportunities for academic support outside of the classroom- restore and build ASC for all	School Council	Potential funding implications for 2013-14 budget
Discuss and support initiatives to deepen diversity awareness for all and respect for multicultural difference especially among resident students	School Council	
Work on the theft issue- what can be done to reduce/eliminate it?	School Council	

**Subcommittee Members:**

Instruction, Learning and Technology: Pat Goepels, Jay Flanagan, Monica Driscoll, Paul Sarapas

Administration and Communication Subcommittee: Ruiyi Gao (Tara Mehta), Katelyn Klapper

Health Safety and School Culture Subcommittee: Amanda Klein, Tracie Lopez, Susan Shields, Katie Flanagan, Tara Mehta, Jacqui Logan, Steven Driscoll