

**REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR:
2016-17 School Goals
and
the Core Value of
Respecting Human Differences**

School Committee

June 13

I. What do we want kids to do by the time they graduate?

- Ongoing discussions in departments
 - Outlines generated two years ago
 - New courses: Mandarin Language, Drama I, Collaborative Theater
 - Development of AP Computer Science Principles
 - History of Race and Membership
- Integration of Technology
 - PD and Summer workshops
 - Student email accounts
 - LS Document Viewer to parent/guardians
- Global Scholars Program
 - Capstone Projects (10) (5/24)
- Project Based Learning
 - Summer Design Thinking Workshop
 - LS Team to High Tech High
 - Presentation to Faculty (4/17) and SC (1/17)
- Launch of Hub for Innovation
 - Status of 420 Lincoln Road
 - Update of Hub for Innovation

II. Ensuring Access to Equity and Excellence: 5 Strands

- Youth Culture
- Family Engagement
- Instructional Practice
- Looking at data
- Leadership

Youth Culture

- 9th grade Diversity Workshops
- Project LS (Dept and Fac Mtg, March/April)
- New student clubs
 - SOAR
 - STEW/ Razia's Hope
- MLK Assembly (ACLU Speaker)
- Gender Identity & Expression (3/29)

From “The Idiot”, by Elif Batuman

I found myself remembering, the day in kindergarten when the teachers showed us *Dumbo*: a Disney movie about a puny, weird-looking circus elephant that everyone made fun of. As the story unfolded, I realized to my amazement that all of the kids in the class, even the bullies, the ones who despised and tormented the weak and the ugly, were rooting *against* Dumbo’s tormentors. Over and over they laughed and cheered, both when Dumbo succeeded and when bad things happened to the bullies. But they’re *you*, I thought to myself. How did they not know? They didn’t know. It was astounding, and astounding truth. *Everyone thought they were Dumbo.*

Project LS

Thank you Lori, Jason, Annalisa, Leslie, Susan, and Martha !!!

- March 2 Launch, all school assemblies, SERF
- World Language Week
 - Haitian Musical Dance Troupe
- Lessons in classrooms by teachers
- 9th grade Diversity Workshops by teachers with students
- Terrence Roberts
- Gender Identity and Expression Training

Student Voices

- Pops and Jazz Showcase Concerts
- Mr. LS (Senior Class)
- Mix It Up Day (Intersections)
- What is Feminism at LS? (STEW)
- Community building activities (EOL)
- Respecting Human Differences begins with Understanding: Understanding begins with Listening (student panels)
- Diversity in S.T.E.M.
- SOAR informational tables
- Chinese Folk Art Workshop
- GSA and Art Club project curated by students
- LS Forum Issue

Family Engagement

- Faculty to Family (10/5)
- House to Family
- ACE/EXCEL/REACH/BEACON/LINK/METCO/ELL/CLINICAL
- Student Service outreach to families
- Connections
- Lynn Carlson
- School Council
- SC to the larger community
- iPASS access
- School Profile
- School Start
- Co-curricular outreach (Activities, Arts, Athletics)

Instructional Practice

- Integrated strategic skills class (first year)
- Academic Supports and Interventions (9/21)
- Conversation to share Tier Two Interventions
 - What kids are not learning (in class assessment)
 - Dept based interventions
 - School based interventions
- Communicating high expectations
 - Jon Saphier (11/16 & 11/30)

Student Services:

Expanding Supports and Interventions

- Fully implemented counseling curriculum
- Thinking about student behaviors (10/26)
- Intervention Specialist (decreased IEP referrals)
- Integrated strategic skills class
- Successful incorporation of Beacon to budget
- Successful expansion of LINK
- Successful transition of Martha Wall
- New Student Support Team Referral Process
- Preparation for Coordinated Program Review (5/10)

Looking at Data

Still Nascent

- GPA Trends
- IEP Referrals
- Attendance
- MCAS Performance
 - Students with disabilities
 - Race
 - Socio-economic Status
 - Gender
 - Grade level

Leadership

- Visions Team
 - Lori Hodin and Caroline Han
- Project LS Leadership Team
- METCO Team
 - METCO Advisory
 - Carmen/Jamie/Jamal/Steve
- STEW, SOAR, METCO Student Council
- Diversity Job Fair
- ED&E Workshops
- Cheating Policy (Shared)

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III. Social-emotional supports and education for staff and students

- Campaign and Post Election Climate
 - Guidelines and Support
- Crisis Response Protocol (9/16, 10/14, 3/31)
- HW Guidelines Pilot (2/1)
- Bully Prevention (2/1)
- Teen Sleep (4/12)
- School Start (4/12)
- PEERS (5/10)
- House Teams
- Clinical Counselors

Core Value

Respecting Human Differences

Respecting Human Difference

- Visions
- First Adventure
- Project LS
- Gender Identity and Expression
- MLK Assembly
- Language Exchange Programs
- Haitian Musical Dance Group
- Chinese Folk Art Workshop
- French Film Event
- ALBA Berlin

School Safety

- Security cameras
- Increase to Nursing Staff
- Turf fields to be replaced
- Expansion of safety drills
- Unified Command Training
- MVP Training
 - Escalation Workshops
- PEERS
- House Teams and Clinical Counselors

Highlighting other staff contributions

Assemblies/Workshops

- Opening of School Student Assemblies
- Depression
- MVP Presentations
- Escalation Workshops
- MLK (ACLU Attorney)
- PROJECT LS
- World Language Week
- Rena Finder
- Poetry Out Loud
- Declamation
- FATA for Arts Day
- IDEAS HS Student Conference
- French Film
- Spoken Poet
- Alum Sharing Struggle with addiction
- Terrence Roberts
- FATA Open House
- ARTS Day

Artistic Productions

- Friday Musical Coffee Houses/Rock Concerts/Battle of the Bands
- Staff Variety Show
- Accent Acapella
- How to Succeed Without Really Trying
- Fall Choral, Improv Troupe, Jazz, Pops, Instrumental, Select Ensemble, Civic Orchestra, Holiday Lunch with Sr Citizens, Singing Valentines, A cappellapalooza, Community Sing, Cabaret Concert,
- The Ants and The Grasshoppers and The Tortoise and The Hare
- Collage

For our parents

- 8th grade parents night
- 9th grade parents night
- Back to School Night
- College Counseling Sessions
- Connections
- Escalation Workshop Introduction
- Athletes Night
- Senior Parents Night

Staff coaches

Tom Lopez	Brendan Wimberly	Matt Wentworth	Kate Berry	Chris Belmont
Brian Fauvel	Kathleen Thompson	Greg Gammons	Amanda Klein	Chris Stanek
Tom Lewis	David Hosford	Alfonso Abadia	Josh Gilman	Sarah Greeley
Dave Cole	Shawn Miller	Mark Santoro	Jim Berry	Rami Alwan
Mel Gonsalves	Charli Asta-Ferrera	Bunny McClung	Caroline Singler	Shawn Lingley
Marci Stoda	Chuck Despotopulos	Ben Coleman	Tim Jason	Judy Katalina
Maryann Grady	Doreen McCarthy	Vicky Caburian	Ariel Cox	

Club Advisors

Paul Sarapas	Brendan Wimberly	Matt Wentworth	Tom Danko	Katelyn Dix
Paul Shultz	Eleanor Burke	Dan Lewis	Tom Grandprey	Susan King
Nicole Digenis	Kelly Gaudreau	Stephanie Kunst	Carol Lewis	Michael Bunting
Nate Armistead	Amanda Klein	Alissa Jarvis	Jane Murphy	Ken Kimura
Carly Evans	Samantha Parker	Joan Campbell	Tracy Burke	Dani Weisse
Chris Stanek	Mark Sobkowicz	Lori Hodin	Jim Raffel	Ann Kramer
Jen Garfield	Desiree Butler	Cristina Gonzalez	Phil James	Mike Malone
Melissa Shen	Melanie Palma	Kristen Ehrler	Kelly Mazza	JK Park
Ponah Gillespie	BJ Pegram	Mark Mason	David Bloom	Mary Brunson
Rachel Cooke	Tim Nikula	Bruce Millet	Jim Berry	Rami Alwan
Tim Cobbett	Alex Wankowicz	Susan Shields	Brandon Dorey	Kathleen Thompson
Mel Gonsalves	Ariel Cox	Bunny McClung	Caroline Singler	Shawn Lingley
Laura Cole	Leslie Patterson	Colette Nygren	Amy Jacobs	Rachel Cooke
Marci Stoda	Chuck Despotopulos	Ben Coleman	Tim Jason	Judy Katalina
Sandy Crawford	Nancy Childress	Marci Stoda	Shea Justice	Jason Medeiros
Maryann Grady	Doreen McCarthy	Vicky Caburian	Sarah Greeley	Shari Idelson
Julia Keith	Susan Frommer	Paula Myers	Caroline Han	Lynne Hunter
Beth Mangano	Jennifer Reen	Maureen Bolton	Chris Herbert	

Presentations to SC

METCO	Student Services (Beacon)
Innovation Hub	High Tech High (Team)
Math Dept	Dominican Republic cultural Service
English Dept	Wellness Dept
School Profile	World Language Dept
Green Team	Diversity Programs
Enrollment	MCAS
School Goals	Wellness Policy Council
OPEB Liability	Protect Sudbury

Coordination with Lincoln and Sudbury

- Inter-department meetings
- Transition meetings
- Placement
- MVP
- Peer Leadership
- Robotics
- Model UN
- Inter-generational activities
- Park and Rec
- Vocational Schools Committee
 - Assabet Regional Vocational Technical School

Next Year's School Goals

2017-18 School Goals

- What do we want our students to be able to do...
 - Develop a Portrait of a LS Graduate
- Ensuring access to Equity and Excellence
 - Continue to develop culturally responsive and inclusive all school learning opportunities to support belonging
 - Review cheating policy
 - Review intervention data to inform practice
 - Review curriculum offerings for cultural relevance
 - Reinforce universal high expectations

2017-18 School Goals

- Ensuring socio-emotional supports for students and staff to promote health and well being
 - Develop and offer strategies to successfully balance academic and socio emotional needs
 - Understand and respond to the Metrowest health survey
 - Resolve response to School Start/Sleep
 - Review HW Guideline Pilot
 - Establish a Social Media Policy and Guidelines
 - Reflect on the 9th grade experience
 - 9th grade advisory

Core Value

- Fostering caring and cooperative relationships
- Respecting human differences (2016-17)
- Pursuing academic excellence (2017-18)
- Cultivating community (2015-16)