

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
Minutes**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

7:30 p.m. Public Session

**12th Baptist Church
150-160 Warren Street
Roxbury, MA 02119**

Present: Nancy Marshall, Chair, Radha Gargeya, Vice-Chair, Patty Mostue, Elena Kleifges, Kevin Matthews and Mark Collins.

Also Present: Scott Carpenter, Superintendent/Principal, Lisa Weiss, Teachers' Association President, Janine Daley, LS/SPS METCO Director, Juanita Owens, METCO Representative, and Suzanne Burns, School Committee Secretary, as well as the visitors listed on the sign-in sheet attached to the approved minutes of this meeting, were also present. Emily Casey, Student Representative, was absent.

Agenda Enclosures/Handouts

- Unapproved minutes for March 13, 2012 and March 27, 2012
- Lincoln Sudbury School Goals: 2011-2012

Call to Order

Nancy Marshall called the Public Meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Approval of Minutes

- Kevin Matthews motioned to approve the minutes for March 13, 2012. Patty Mostue seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- Kevin Matthews motioned to approve the minutes for March 27, 2012. Patty Mostue seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Welcome from Janine Daley, LS/SPS METCO Director

Nancy Marshall introduced Janine Dailey, LS/SPS METCO Director, who thanked everyone for coming out to Boston. She reported on the progress the METCO program at LSRHS has made over the year and in particular addressed the importance of opportunities for the two communities to be able to connect on different occasions. She expressed that the most important thing she has seen happen is that a level of stability has returned which had been gone for the past three years. It is nearly the end of the year, and she is excited about being here and helping

METCO to grow. She also announced that the METCO students entered the Tenacity Challenge, an academic quiz bowl for METCO students that was hosted by Bedford High School. LS students came in third place. Dr. Jorge Allen coached the team and helped them prepare; each LS student participant got \$200 in scholarship money.

Public Comment

The event was well attended by parents of METCO students, several of who got up to express their appreciation for the METCO program and to Janine Daley for her leadership. They shared stories of their children's successes. One parent in particular said that she felt it was an excellent year for METCO under Dailey's leadership, and expressed her hope for continuity and consistency so that the program can continue to flourish. METCO parents send their children to LS for a reason, and there is no shortage of commitment and dedication from the families. Scott replied that he couldn't be happier with the job Dailey has done as Director.

Recognitions

Scott Carpenter recognized the following:

- We had six students qualify for the American Invitational Math Exam: Meredith Derecho, Jeffrey Ho, Michael Wolkon, Alex Yamron, Ethan Blackwood, Neil Wei and Stephen Stahr. Thank you to their Math teacher Helen Sotiriou for organizing Exam.
- On Saturday, March 31st, our Language Dept. hosted a German Immersion Day. We had German students from 7 different schools attending. Thank you to Joan Campbell and Michele Lepietre for organizing this wonderful event.
- The LS Speech and Debate Team sent 17 students to participate in the 2012 State Championship for the Massachusetts Forensic League on March 31st. In Public Forum Debate, two of our teams earned the title of co-champions. Congratulations to Arnold Lee, Eugene Lee, Jeremy Cohen and Neil Wei. In "post-season" competition they are sending three teams to the 2012 National Catholic Forensic League Tournament and one team to the 2012 National Forensic League Tournament.
- Thank you to Cristina Gonzalez, Language Teacher, for organizing a visit from the Consul of Spain in Boston, Pablo Sánchez Terán and two of his associates. They spoke to a group of 150 students from Spanish, French and Economic classes about the European Union. They also met with the Spanish Dept to talk about resources and workshops available for Spanish teachers as well as grants and other opportunities for students.

Student Representative Report

Emily Casey sent her report through Nancy. She reported that "Anti-Stress Week" took place two weeks ago and went very well. The next Student Senate project is a ceremony to honor LS alumni who served in military. They raised money for a plaque, and the dedication will take place on May 12th followed by a school assembly. Preparations are also underway for Senate elections for the next academic year.

Teachers' Association Report

Lisa Weiss reported that the fourth quarter is now underway, and that it is time for students to register for courses for next year.

METCO Representative Report

Juanita Owens reported that her sons just left to go to Italy as part of a group of LSRHS students. She also said that the email just went out for the start of the Homework Club, which she felt would help parents to stay on top of whether or not their children are attending. She said she spoke to Scott about the college scholarship deadline, and noted that many of the METCO students did not apply or missed the deadline. She and Scott discussed ways to make the process simpler in communicating information to parents so that they have enough time to prepare.

Chairman's Report

Nancy reminded everyone that the Suburban Coalition breakfast will be held on April 25th and the talk will be about the FY13 budget. She also reported on the Spring Fling Invitational Choral Festival at St. Mark's School which she recently attended. The LS Chamber Singers performed, and there was an excellent performance by the Harvard Men's Glee Club. Our kids did a wonderful job, and it was a beautiful space for a performance. She also announced that the musical, *Footloose*, presented by the LSB Players opens at on Wednesday night. Tickets available online and at the door.

Liaison Reports

Radha reported that she received an update on the State budget from the MA House of Representatives, and that currently it looks like there is a \$1.3 billion shortfall for the State. This is only the latest information we have on the budget; it goes to the State Senate next. It's a huge deficit, and it is going to be a tough call on how to make up this money. It does not look encouraging.

Superintendent/Principal's Report

Audit Update:

Scott Carpenter updated the committee on the progress made in selecting an auditor to look at LS's business office, in particular specific accounts within LSHRS, roles and responsibilities in the Business Office and the management of the health care trust. He said that he has received two other proposals in addition to the proposal by Powers & Sullivan. One of the new proposals was priced beyond what he felt made sense for LS, but the other, Melanson & Co. proposed \$12k for its analysis. Scott recommended that the committee engage this group to come in, emphasizing the value of having a different perspective from someone new. He noted that the difference between their quote and the quote offered by Powers & Sullivan is what should be expected for the time it takes for a new auditor to become acclimated, and noted that bringing in a new group offers other advantages, i.e., we will now have two auditors who know us, and in the future we will be able to choose which one will work best for a particular project.

Mark Collins also talked briefly about the difficulties of monitoring donations to the athletic department, and getting a full and detailed accounting of where money has come from and where it has gone. He said that he would like the Athletic Director to account for and provide some statement in advance of what we hear from the auditing firm.

2011-12 School Goal Update:

Scott also talked about the current status as to where LS is with the school goals he outlined at the beginning of the year. He circulated a document which itemized the goals in four areas (teaching and learning; climate and culture; communication and leadership; district budget and planning) and reviewed the progress made over the school year at LS. He stated that he was very pleased by the progress being made, and that as the School Committee approaches its first meeting in June, he will share with the committee and the public the headway LS has made on these goals and we will be focusing our efforts for the 2012-2013 school year. Scott also informed the committee that the committee which conducted and analyzed the alumni survey is expected to attend a School Committee meeting at the end of June to present its findings. Patty Mostue asked for further benchmarking and dates to be added to the report, and for further concrete examples of outcomes.

Information & Discussion

Donations Policy: Discussion was deferred for a future meeting.

Business Manager Hiring Update: Scott reported that the School Committee met with and voted unanimously to hire Michael Connelly as the new Director of Finance and Operations, who will start work at LS on July 1st. Scott is looking forward to working with Michael.

Budget Update: Nancy reported that LS should have more feedback by the next meeting on the efforts toward Extraordinary Relief. We still need to detail how to close out FY12 and what we need to do for FY13. She expressed her thanks to Anne O'Reilly in Student Services for the significant time she has spent shepherding this through the application process.

Action Items

There were no action items.

Other Business

There were no other business items.

Bill Schedules

There were no warrants to sign.

Calendar of School Events

Wednesday	04-11-2012	7:00 am	Executive Session	Conf Rm B
Tuesday	04-24-2012	7:30 pm	School Committee	Conf Rm B
Monday	05-07-2012	7:00 pm	Sudbury Town Meeting	Aud
Tuesday	05-08-2012	7:00 pm	SudburyTown Meeting	Aud

Wednesday	05-09-2012	7:00 pm	Sudbury Town Meeting	Aud
Tuesday	05-22-2012	7:30 pm	School Committee	Conf Rm B

Adjourn

On a motion by Patty Mostue, seconded by Radha Gargeya, the School Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:15pm.