

**LINCOLN-SADBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES**

**Hartwell Multi Purpose Room
Lincoln School Campus
Thursday, March 15, 2018**

Present

Kevin Matthews, Chair; Radha Gargeya; Craig Gruber; Nancy Marshall, Patty Mostue. Gerald Quirk was absent.

Also Present

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Sherry Kersey, Director of Finance and Operations; Caroline Singler, TA President; Carole Kasper, Lincoln parent; Paul Hambleton, Sudbury parent; Siobhan Hullinger, Sudbury parent; Timothy Christenfeld, Lincoln parent.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm.

Approval of Minutes

Patty Mostue offered a motion to approve the Minutes for February 13, 2018. Craig Gruber seconded the motion. There was no discussion; all were in favor.

Craig Gruber offered a motion to approve the Minutes for February 27, 2018. Patty Mostue seconded the motion pending edits. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

Presentation

There was no presentation from the Board of Selectmen Susan Iuliano and Dan Carty.

Public Comment

Mr. Hambleton asked if L-S had inquired about best safety practices at other area schools. He also offered to volunteer on the Safety Review Committee.

Recognitions

LS World Language Department celebrated National World Language Week March 5th through 7th. The World Language Declamation Contest has been postponed to Friday, March 16th. Students participating in the Declamation are: Max Borden, Riya Misra, Maria Hamandi, Nicole Smith, Kate Malloy, Esha Dudhwewala, Anthony Vuolo, Jessica Pan, Flavia Carvalho, Irene Terpstra, Caitlin Kenney, Hannah Murray, Will Stone, Katie

Ostrow, Coryn Fielding, Mary MacKeen, Felipe Carvalho, Emma Christman, Hannah Ben David, Eve Elkort, and Elena Christenfeld.

Acapellapalooza will take place on Friday, March 16th in the L-S auditorium at 7 PM. The groups attending the concert in addition to Accent are A*Chaired Taste (LS), Acafellas (LS), Musigals (LS), Onomatopoeia (Lexington HS), PB&J (Lexington HS), and The Town Criers (Weston HS). Tickets are by donation for Everytown for Gun Safety. It is a family friendly fun night of singing!!!

The LS DOE (Department of Energy) Science Bowl team traveled to the University of Connecticut on Saturday, March 3 and competed in the Northeast Regional Science Bowl. The DOE Science Bowl is an annual quiz bowl style competition in which teams compete in 16-minute matches answering questions about all areas of science and math. This year's competition included teams from 48 schools in New England, divided into "North" and "South" regionals. L-S teams finished in the top 20 of 42 North regional teams and continued into afternoon elimination rounds, where one team advanced all the way to the quarter finals of their division. Coaches Caroline Singler and Carol Lewis attended the Science Bowl with Blake Danziger, Griffin Davis, Alia Heisey, Nathaniel Roman, Archie Stewart, Anna St. George, Anthony Vuolo, and David Abraham.

Also on March 3rd, two 5-person teams from Lincoln-Sudbury competed at MIT to in the annual regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl tournament (the "Blue Lobster Bowl"). The A team (two 12th graders, one 11th grader, one 10th grader and one ninth grader) placed **second** out of a field of 22 teams from Massachusetts. This strong performance was a product of individual study, classroom learning and practicing competition skills. The B team finished ninth overall. Success in the competition requires mastery of all forms of oceanography (physical, chemical, biological, geological) as well as marine technology, and marine policy. Dr. BJ Pegram is the faculty advisor for the National Ocean Sciences Bowl.

Saturday, March 10th, and Sunday, March 11th, L-S was once again the host site for the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Eastern District Junior Festival. This is the 10th year L-S has hosted the festival. 480 Music Students in grades 7-9 selected by audition from a field of 80 middle and high schools from our region/district rehearsed in honor groups which included concert band, orchestra, mixed chorus, treble chorus and jazz band. Each group then presented a concert, open to the public, on Sunday afternoon. James Vuolo represented L-S in the Orchestra Viola section.

L-S students participated in the National Walkout to commemorate the deaths of the Parkland, Florida students, to protest gun violence and advocate for gun control, and to advocate for increased support for mental illness. Ms. Wong was grateful for the support offered by the Lincoln and Sudbury Police Departments. At 10am students gathered in the AB courtyard and were addressed and directed by student leaders. The students marched around the entire school in silence. No media were permitted on campus. It was a very moving experience and our students were very respectful of one another and of the purpose for the march. The League of Women Voters assisted L-S students in registering or pre-registering to vote. It is estimated that approximately 150 students registered or pre-registered to vote.

The L-S Pops Concert takes place tonight in the L-S auditorium at 7pm.

METCO Parents Report

There was no METCO Parent Report.

Student Senate Representative

There was no Student Senate Representative report.

Teachers' Association

Caroline Singler reported that Spring sports will begin in the next week which involves a number of L-S teachers who coach Spring sports. The French Exchange has returned, led by Julia Keith and Desiree Butter. The Model UN competed successfully in New York City, JK Park is the advisor to the Model UN. The Math Department celebrated Pi Day today with an assortment of pie shaped treats for faculty and staff. Faculty are visiting the middle schools for scheduling purposes for incoming 9th graders. Finally, 8th Grade Parents' Night has been rescheduled several times as a result of the March snowstorms.

Chairman's Report

Senate Bill #217 is currently under consideration. It addresses the foundation budget and regional transportation costs for regional schools. Kevin Matthews thanked Representative Carmine Gentile for advocating for a better structure for this matter. Mr. Matthews recommended that the L-S School Committee write to buttress support for the current bill.

Mr. Matthews reminded committee members that an Open Meeting Law refresher would be offered at Sudbury Town Hall on March 21st, 2018.

Liaison Report

There was no liaison report.

Superintendent Report

The 8th Grade Parents' Night has been rescheduled for Monday, March 19th. The March snowstorms have caused it to be rescheduled several times. As a further consequence of the school closings from inclement weather, the end of 3rd quarter has been postponed to April 6th. The last day for student exams will be June 22nd. If there is a 7th snow day, school will be in session for a half day on Friday, March 30th. If school is cancelled because of snow after April 1st, state law does not require the days to be made up.

L-S is currently undergoing a Coordinated Program Review conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This program review occurs every 6 years and is a civil rights review that examines what we are doing to help students access the curriculum as well as any program considered an intervention such as Counseling services and ELL programs.

Bella Wong reported that she will participate in a Panel for Women Superintendents at Boston College on Friday, March 16, 2018. Associate Principal Leslie Patterson will be defending her dissertation on March 22nd at Boston College. Associate Principal Jason Medeiros is in his first year of the program.

Ms. Wong will be holding a Safety Review Meeting on March 22nd at 6pm in the Lecture Hall at L-S. The Safety Council was formed after 2007 with representatives of staff, faculty, and administration. The Council meets whenever there is a tragic event at schools in the U.S. to debrief and discern what can be learned from the event.

Ms. Wong reported that a Racial Climate Task Force has been formed, which is comprised of faculty and administrators. The mission of the task force is to ensure that our racial climate does not impede access to all that L-S has to offer in both class experience and in co-curricular programs. Additionally, Ms. Wong has met with the Boston parents three times and spoken frequently with L-S students of color to create a policy on use of the n-word. Ms. Wong distributed copies of the policy to School Committee members:

“The N-word may not be used in the public arena of the L-S school environment. The school environment includes campus, the school bus and at any school sponsored events. This also includes postings on social media or any other posting that has a

reasonable probability of intersecting with and affecting our school environment. How we respond in the moment and/or in meting out consequences will take into account the context of how the word was used. For example, who said the word, who was the word said to, how did the word enter into the public arena, and what was the underlying implicit or explicit intent of expression?”

Ms. Wong reported that there is confusion around use of this word because of its prevalence in music and in some literature/history lessons and that faculty and administrators have been trying to create some clarity around its use. Some black students want exclusive use of the word; others would prefer not to hear it at all. Ms. Wong feels that it is the responsibility of educators to create a safe environment where students feel secure so that they can better access educational material. Ms. Wong added that implementing the policy will require additional training and work with students and staff. Mr. Gargeya opined that he would prefer to minimize the variation in consequences regarding use of the word. The school committee members appreciated Ms. Wong’s efforts to communicate with parents, students, faculty, and administrators regarding this subject.

Business Report

Sherry Kersey provided a brief update on the current status of field fees and methods to fund future repairs or replacements to L-S sports fields. The Sudbury Park and Recreation Department is considering methods to fund repair/replacement for all sports fields. Ms. Kersey will report on further developments in this regard.

Auditors have finished their annual end-of-year report, which will be filed with the state. Bids are being solicited for L-S cleaning services and the food services. Data from the Traffic Study are currently being studied.

Kevin Matthews inquired about the new District Treasurer, Fred Aponte. Ms. Kersey said that he brings a great deal of experience from his previous work at other school districts in the state.

Info and Discussion

Nancy Marshall requested that the second reading of the E&D Policy be postponed to the next School Committee Meeting.

Action Item

Vouchers were signed.

LS School Committee members addressed the formation and mission of the L-S Safety Review Committee. Mr. Gargeya outlined the history of the last Safety Review Committee and provided an outline for a new Safety Review Committee, which would be comprised of: an LS administrator recommended by the Superintendent; an LS faculty member recommended by the TA; a member of Student Services, recommended by the Superintendent; an L-S student recommended by the Student Senate; a representative from the Lincoln/Sudbury Police Departments; a representative from the Lincoln/Sudbury Fire Departments; 2 members of the L-S School Committee; 4 members from the registered voters of the communities of Lincoln, Sudbury, and Boston. Because this committee will be a subcommittee of the LS School Committee, it will be obliged to follow Open Meeting Law requirements. Those interested in volunteering for the subcommittee must be prepared to attend weekly meetings for the next 2.5 months and should send completed application to Francy Zingale by the close of day on March 23rd, 2018. Kevin Matthews will post the Safety Review Report from 2007 on the L-S website and send a press release to the local newspapers. Patty Mostue and Radha Gargeya will create the application. Mr. Gruber will assemble a reading list for the subcommittee.

Other business

There was no other business.

Calendar

Pops Concert	March 15, 2018
A Capellapalooza	March 16, 2018
SERF College Fair	March 17, 2018
Mr. LS	March 23, 2018
Global Scholars Presentations	March 27, 2018
Good Friday	March 30, 2018

Adjournment

Craig Gruber offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Radha Gargeya and all members approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Francy Zingale

