

LS Matters

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The 2018-19 school year, just about two months in, has seen various initiatives and measures undertaken by the school committee and the school district.

Day-long Summer School Committee Meeting:

At our 8/16/18 day-long meeting, we discussed School Safety issues and adopted the recommendations of the LS Safety Review Subcommittee. We also discussed School start time, and Staff Evaluation and Review. We were introduced to a new proposal for a social and emotional support program for LS students at 420 Lincoln Rd. The new program will be called LS Academy.

Ms. Dorothy Presser, Field Director, Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), presented a working workshop to the school committee members on school committee roles and responsibilities and goal setting.

The minutes are [here](#).

LS Academy:

LS School Committee and the District are grateful to the towns of Lincoln and Sudbury for their support for the LS Academy. This was presented to various committees in both towns, it secured the support of the two towns' Boards of Selectmen. LS will begin the work of renovating 420 Lincoln Road for this purpose. We will present the availability of social and emotional support programs for LS students for the next academic year, 2019-20.

Presentations:

The work of the district is discussed at each school committee meeting, and in the Superintendent's Report at each meeting. In addition, at some school committee meetings, we have special presentations where a particular topic is treated in detail. The following is a list of such presentations.

- 1) At the 9/11/18 school committee meeting, Mr. Dan Conti, English Department Coordinator presented the steps for LS NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) decennial re-accreditation. Mr. Conti is leading the NEASC re-accreditation efforts at LS.

The minutes are [here](#).

The presentation is [here](#).

The video is [here](#).

- 2) At the 10/16/18 school committee meeting, Ms. Ginny Blake, Coordinator of Curriculum, Scheduling and Assessment presented the academically enriching work done by faculty over the summer during the 2018-19 Educational Development and Evaluation (ED&E) workshops.

The presentation is [here](#).

- 3) Also at the 10/16/18 meeting, Ms. Blake presented the new Massachusetts DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) Accountability Standards and the LS 2018 Spring MCAS Results. A report summarizing the presentation will be available later.

That presentation is [here](#).

The video for 2) and 3) is [here](#).

- 4) At the 10/23/18 meeting, Dr. Leslie Patterson, Associate Principal, and Ms. Martha Wall, ACE Program Coordinator, presented a report on LS Racial Climate Task Force.

That presentation is [here](#).

The video is [here](#).

- 5) At the 11/20/18 meeting, Dr. Aida Ramos, Director of Student Services, presented reports on (i) LS Student Services, (ii) Massachusetts DESE Coordinated Program Review (CPR) Highlights, and (ii) LS Academy.

That presentation is [here](#).

The video is [here](#).

- 6) Other presentations for the rest of the year are being scheduled.

Office Hours/Listening Sessions:

This year, for the first time, LS School Committee has started monthly office hours/listening sessions. They are listed on the School Committee Members [page](#).

Happy Thanksgiving!

- LS School Committee