

LYNNFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES – Regular Meeting November 3, 2015

Pursuant to notice November 3, 2015 at the High School Media Center at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mrs. Cleary, Dr. Cammarata, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Hayman
Absent: Mrs. Presser

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Vernon, 3 members of the press,
Lisa Giacalone, Mr. Cleary, Mr. Moresco, Maryellen Iannibelli, Marylou Sanbatakos

Mrs. Cleary opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Minutes for Approval

Mr. Doyle MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 19, 2015.
Dr. Cammarata seconded the motion.

VOTED: 4 - yes
1 - absent

3. Field Studies Trip to Spain and Italy

Ms. Giacalone came before the Committee to review her plans for a field studies trip to Spain and Italy from April 15 - 24, 2016. Right now there are 31 students interested, which could drive the price down to \$3,410. This trip is parent/student funded. The Committee will vote on this at the next meeting.

4. SAT/AP Results

Mr. Cleary and Mr. Moresco presented the SAT/AP results to the Committee. Mr. Cleary stated the 5 year trend shows SAT scores going up. Timed assessments, vocabulary changes across the curriculum, Summer Institute work on SAT problems grouped by topics and MCAS tutoring all has contributed to the rise in scores. Seventy students this year have participated in the community schools tutoring program. Gender distribution scores are pretty consistent. The High School is excited about the scores since it puts students in a better position when applying to colleges. In checking with other area schools, findings were that they are all doing similar things to promote strong results on these tests. Under 50% of our students took the ACT test, which is primarily used in the South and Midwest. Students found this test to be more user friendly; containing more practical content testing. For the East, the SAT is the primary test. Colleges do not prefer one over the other.

This year the largest number of Juniors and Seniors took at least one AP test. Eleven tests were administered. The High School is presently considering adding AP Art, AP Computer Science and AP Foreign Languages. AP designates categories to honor high achievement on the tests and we had many students that were in those categories. Mr. Moresco stated that more

universities are stating that the test(s) are optional. The School Committee would like to see ACT scores as another data point for review. They feel it is a positive that the AP classes are getting larger and the students are still testing well. There are five seats at the VHS (virtual school) for students that want to take specific tests that we don't offer. State school are accepting "credit" for AP scores, but not private schools. There, a student may Opt out of a class, for example Freshman Humanities if their score is high enough.

5. MASC Resolutions

Mrs. Cleary led the discussion on the Resolutions to come before the delegates {(Mr. Hayman + Mrs. Presser (alternate))} at the MASC meeting in November. The Committee members clearly supported Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7. The voting delegate will hear more on Resolution # 5 at the MASC meeting before voting.

6. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay reported on the following:

- Paying for games under the lights - we will only be charging for the games we have always charged for moving forward
- The MASS-MASC conference November 4-6. Mrs. Presser is there now and she will be leading many workshops. Mr. Geary will be participating in the "School Municipal Agreements" workshop on Wednesday and Jennifer Judkins, Sarah Perkins and Janice Alpert will be presenting on Saturday morning on technology.
- Central office space has become the hub of professional development in the district. We have had many assessment meetings there already.

Mr. Hayman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

VOTED: 4 - yes
1 - absent

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Vernon
School Committee Secretary

Spain/Italy field study trip Step 1 form
SAT/AP information
Resolution coming before MASC delegates for a vote

