

LYNNFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Minutes - Regular Meeting October 4, 2016

Pursuant to notice October 4, 2016 at the High School Media Center at 6:30 PM

Members Present: Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Presser, Dr. Cammarata, Mr. Sjoberg

Mr. Hayman participated remote via phone.

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Borseti, Ms. Abigail Dickey, Mr. Cyr, Mr. Ralston, Mr. Bemiss, Mrs. DiBiase, Mr. Cleary, Mrs. Fennessey, Mrs. Noce, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Ambroise, Mrs. Sambatakos, Mrs. Iannibelli, Mr. Gordon and two members of the press.

1. Student Advisory Report

Student Advisory Board Representative Abigail Dickey updated the committee on activities at the high school including:

- Club Fair/Field Day
- Guidance visits to senior classes

2. Mrs. Presser MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 20, 2016. Dr. Cammarata Seconded the motion.

Voted: Unanimously in favor

3. Budget Calendar

Mrs. Tremblay reviewed the tentative Budget Calendar. The Budget Sub Committee will meet periodically during the budget season and will provide updates to the School Committee.

4. MCAS Presentations

Mrs. Fennessey & Mrs. Noce spoke to the Committee about the Elementary MCAS scores and MCAS Action Plan for ELA and Mathematics.

Mrs. Noce spoke about the Mathematics scores which have remained consistent with the advanced bar continuing to rise. Mrs. Noce spoke about the changes in 2011 Curriculum Standards; critical thinking and higher degree of complexity in open response questions that were seen in the test with the addition of PARCC questions. She also spoke about the K-2 teachers' adoption of new daily numeracy and number sense component. There is evidence of strengthening number concept and number sense already. Mrs. Fennessey addressed the Committee about the ELA Action Plan highlighting the work being done at Assessment meetings, School Wide Initiatives, Curriculum Directors roles and Professional Development in regard to MCAS tests. Mrs. Fennessey spoke about the change in rigor and how meeting the needs of all learners is being achieved. Mrs. Fennessey also pointed out that the fourth graders have more opportunities to reading digitally which is where the test is going in the future. Fourth graders will be reading the test digitally and typing their responses on a keyboard beginning this spring.

Mrs. Fennessey and Mrs. Noce expanded on instructional tutoring in ELA and Mathematics and how it is customized to what the individual student needs. Instructional Tutoring is in addition to the regular instruction in the classroom.

Mrs. Ambroise & Mrs. Robertson spoke to the Committee about the Middle School MCAS scores and Action Plan in English, Mathematics and Science.

Mrs. Robertson spoke about this year being a transition year with the ELA and Math tests. ELA had two sessions of regular MCAS and one session PARCC like questions. ELA scores remained strong. Mrs. Ambroise spoke about the Mathematics test and how the PARCC questions were woven into the test. Math scores saw a slight increase in grades 5 & 8 and she feels the benefits of extra time in math are being seen. Science Grade 5 results strong and grade 8 made slight gains over previous years with the test that covers three years of material. Mrs. Ambroise reported that Science MCAS had no PARCC questions. The majority of students in the state took PARCC not MCAS tests.

Mrs. Robertson pointed out the Action Plan ties in with three School Improvement Goals that are connected into the District Strategy. Using the data and measures from tutorial groups teachers are able to decipher what to work on with students. They spoke about Atlas, the curriculum mapping tool being used and the Understanding by Design Method. Mrs. Ambroise addressed the slow erosion in Math from grade 3 thru grade 8 into which more abstract questions play a factor along with the scoring scale.

Mrs. Iannibelli, Mrs. Sambatakos and Mr. Gordon spoke to the Committee about the High School MCAS scores and Action Plan.

Mrs. Iannibelli spoke to the Committee about the High School ELA results and Action Plans. The ELA results continue to have a high percentage of proficient and advanced standings. Mrs. Iannibelli attributes the results to past practice of looking at data, identifying students as they come to LHS and assessing students writing. All students have ELA MCAS prep class during the school day. All grade 10 at risk students are invited to an evening MCAS program at no cost. The MCAS Prep classes have a low turnout which may be due to student's overconfidence in subject ability, spring sports and other commitments. Mrs. Sambatakos addressed the Committee about the High School Mathematics scores and Action Plan. The Math scores remain at the same level as past years and that the advanced scores have gone up in the past two years. Mrs. Sambatakos reviewed the timeline for the Action Plan and the steps the department takes including adjusting class instruction if needed, developing an educational proficiency plan for students and support in and out of the classroom. Sophomore classes do "do now" questions throughout the year to help expose them to reading and analyzing questions. Mr. Gordon spoke to the committee about the High School Science, Biology and Chemistry scores that are consistent and were up over the state average. Mr. Gordon expanded that once curricula is put into Atlas data will be reviewed for areas of improvement in Anatomy and Physiology which was the weakest area but still above state scores.

* 7:22 Mr. Doyle turned the meeting over to Mrs. Presser, he had to leave due to another commitment.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay reported:

- The first North Shore EdCamp hosted by Lynnfield was a success and well attended.
- Best Buddies Walk at Market Street. There was a great showing of families, teachers and administration.

Matters for Action:

Vote to Approve the Extended Field Studies Trip to France, April 13-20, 2017.

Dr. Cammarata MOVED to approve the Extended Field Studies Trip to France, April 13-20, 2017. Mr. Sjoberg Seconded the motion.

The Committee discussed what the security detail would entail, who would be involved in the decision to obtain security and whether it would be a requirement or a recommendation. It was decided the decision would be a recommendation from the Committee and would remain with the Superintendent, High School Principal and Classroom Teacher.

Mr. Sjoberg MOVED to amend the approval of the Extended Field Studies Trip to France to include a School Committee recommendation to hire a private security detail for the days the group spends in Paris. Dr. Cammarata Seconded the motion.

The roll call vote to approve the amendment was 4 in favor, 1 absent; Mr. Hayman (participated remotely), Mrs. Presser, Mr. Sjoberg and Dr. Cammarata voted yes; Mr. Doyle absent.

The original motion roll call vote to approve the Extended Field Studies Trip to France, April 13-20, 2017 was 4 in favor, 1 absent; Mr. Hayman (participated remotely), Mrs. Presser, Mr. Sjoberg and Dr. Cammarata voted yes; Mr. Doyle-absent.

Committee members discussed and recommend Policy Sub Committee review current policy.

Vote to Approve the Extended Field Studies Trip to Florida, March 11-14, 2017

Dr. Cammarata MOVED to approve the Extended Field Studies Trip to Florida, March 11-14, 2017. Mr. Sjoberg Seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was 4 in favor, 1 absent; Mr. Hayman (participated remotely), Mrs. Presser, Mr. Sjoberg and Dr. Cammarata voted yes; Mr. Doyle-absent.

Vote to Approve the Lynnfield/Wakefield Swimming Co-op.

Dr. Cammarata MOVED to approve the Lynnfield/Wakefield Swim Team Co-op. Mr. Sjoberg Seconded the motion. The roll call vote was 4 in favor, 1 absent; Mr. Hayman (participated remotely), Mrs. Presser, Mr. Sjoberg and Dr. Cammarata voted yes; Mr. Doyle-absent.

Dr. Cammarata MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Mr. Sjoberg Seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Diane Borseti
School Committee Secretary

[Documents used at meeting](#)