

## LYNNFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### MINUTES – Regular Meeting October 6, 2015

Pursuant to notice October 6, 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, 2 members of the press, Scott Gordon, Christina Noce, Katie Ambroise, and Students presenting: Colin Doyle, Ben Dahlstedt, Christopher Collins, Molly McCarthy, Ann Olston, David Blake, Joseph Fabrizio and some parents. Kiley Choi, Meryl Braconnia and her parents, Maureen Fennessy, Christina Noce, Kate Robertson, Kevin Cyr, Maryellen Annibelli, Stephen Ralston, Brian Bemiss and Jennifer DiBiase.

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

1. Minutes for Approval

Mr. Hayman MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 15, 2015. Dr. Cammarata seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

2. Student Advisory Report

Kiley Choi, spoke about activities going on at the High School. The school raised \$1,760 towards the Sonny Tropeano Scholarship Fund and had a bake sale with proceeds going towards a new water fountain.

3. Glimpse into the Classroom

Ms. Noce was there to support presenting students: Colin Doyle and Ben Dahlstedt, both second graders, Ms. Ambroise introduced 7th graders Christopher Collins and Molly McCarthy and Mr. Gordon introduced Ann Olson David Blake and Joseph Fabrizio from Mr. Billings Freshman Biology class. The theme (strand) presented by all groups was “Life Science”. Presentations included the life cycle of a caterpillar/butterfly, the cell theory and the levels of organization on the food chain. The Committee was impressed with the presentations.

4. Superintendent’s Award

Superintendent Tremblay presented the Superintendent’s Award to Meryl Braconnia. She spoke glowingly about Meryl’s character, contributions, work ethic and determination along with her various enrichment activities/sports. She called Meryl a True Renaissance Woman.

5. MCAS Results

Mr. Bemiss, Ms. Noce and Ms. Fennessy spoke to the Committee about the Elementary MCAS results. ELA and Mathematics MCAS scores in both grades three and four have remained consistent. Data Assessment Meetings will allow staff to tailor instruction to individual student needs, which includes determining tutor support and professional development. Open Response questions will continue to be a focus in various genres as well as Geometric Measurement and Vocabulary. There was a discussion about how students not reading enough correlates to their drop in vocabulary skills. Dr. Cammarata stated that if they need any resources, they should let the Committee know.

Mr. Ralston, Ms. Roberston and Ms. Ambroise spoke to the Committee about the Middle School MCAS scores. Mr. Ralston stated that the two things they concentrate on when reviewing scores are: Did this class out perform the last class; and Are the classes improving as they go from grade to grade. Math and ELA scores were strong. Science scores were not as good. Open response question will be an area teachers will concentrate on.

Mr. Cyr reported on the High School MCAS scores. ELA, Mathematics and Biology scores showed between 90 - 98% of students scoring Advanced/ Proficient. Much credit was given to the High School's evening program, teachers working on open assessments and and MCAS support classes. There has been an increase in students scoring advanced in all subject areas.

6. School Committee Goals

Mrs. Cleary read the goals and the whole Committee was good with all of them. They will vote on them at the next meeting.

7. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay reported on the following:

- Green City Growers at HHS and SSS
- Best Buddies Run a success
- Wrestling Co-op with North Reading approved for 2 more years
- HHS "buddies" program in grade 2 with NEC - promotes socialization skills with additional arts & crafts enrichment

8. Matters for Action:

School Improvement Plans

Dr. Cammarata MOVED to approve the Elementary School Improvement Plan.  
Mr. Doyle seconded the motion

VOTED: 4 - yes  
1 absence - Mrs. Presser

Dr. Cammarata MOVED to approve the Middle School Improvement Plan. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

VOTED: 4 - yes  
1 absence - Mrs. Presser

Dr. Cammarata MOVED to approve the High School Improvement Plan. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion **and noted that should this pilot program be implemented during the 2016-02017 school year, School Committee would need to write policy to support it.**

VOTED: 3 - yes  
1 - no - Mr. Hayman  
1 - absence - Mrs. Presser

The Choral Trip listed on the agenda for vote, did not go to vote. The Committee authorized fundraising to begin.

Mr. Hayman MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Vernon  
School Committee Secretary

MCAS Results  
School Committee Goals