

LYNNFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES – Regular Meeting February 9, 2016

Pursuant to notice February 9, 2016 at the High School Media Center at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mrs. Cleary, Dr. Cammarata, Mr. Doyle

Absent: Mrs. Presser

Absent: Mr. Hayman - participated remotely for entire meeting

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Vernon , 2 members of the press, Jennifer Judkins, Tracey Arrais, Alexandra Caram, Sarah Perkins, Kevin Cyr, Kathryn Moody, HS students - Meryl Braconnier, CJ Finn and Connor Reardon

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

1. Minutes for Approval

Mr. Doyle MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 26, 2016.
Dr. Cammarata seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTED: Unanimously in Favor
1 absent - Mrs. Presser

2. Maker Space Update

Jennifer Judkins and Alexandra Caram spoke to the Committee about the Maker Spaces in the district, that serve as technology centers for creative play and align with 21st century skills by fostering independence, creativity, collaboration, and speaking skills with engineering . Jen said that she loves working in this district because “everything is possible” in Lynnfield. This year we are piloting this program and there are just a couple of other school systems in Massachusetts that have these spaces. Many districts have visited our spaces at Summer Street School and the High School. They are open the same hours as the schools and are divided into “stations” where students work on focused projects. Initially staff introduces them to the various activities available to them and after that, they work independently. The Committee found this presentation very informative.

3. LHS Compass Update

Kevin Cyr and Kathryn Moody presented an overview on the COMPASS Advisory Program at the High School. Julie Sgroi also oversees this program. “program provides students with the opportunity to reach their full potential as lifelong learners by discussing aspects of their social, civic, and academic lives, and by fostering connections with teachers and other students beyond the classroom” - taken from their Mission Statement. Activities include a Freshman orientation run by High School students, core trainings for advisers, inspirational guest speakers, community service and school spirit activities. Student executive board members: Meryl Braconnier, CJ Finn and Connor Reardon were in attendance. It is a highly competitive process for Juniors and Seniors to be an advisor in this program. Out of 150 applications, only 50 were accepted

this year. Each advisor has a group of Freshman and Sophomore students that they work with.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay reported on the following:

- Community School's Play - huge success
- Governor's Budget - watching closely to see if we are eligible for the Kindergarten Grant.

Dr. Cammarta MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTED: Unanimously in favor
1 absent - Mrs. Presser

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Vernon
School Committee Secretary

Compass Information
Maker Space Information