

Minutes - Regular Meeting January 10, 2017

Pursuant to notice January 10, 2017 at the High School Media Center at 6:30 PM

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

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Borseti, Mr. Cyr, Mr. Cleary, Mr. Moresco, Mrs. Moody, Ms. Dickey, Mr. Pittilini, Mrs. Langill and members of the press.

6:30

1. Student Advisory Report

Ms. Dickey reported

- Everyone at LHS is preparing for mid terms
- New security system at LHS; doors locked
- Salad and sandwich bar is back in the cafeteria; popular with students

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2. Minutes presented for approval: Regular Meeting December 13, 2016

Mrs. Presser MOVED to approve the December 13, 2016 minutes.

Dr. Camarata seconded the motion; all in favor.

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3. Lynnfield High School proposed Program of Studies

Mr. Cleary presented the proposed 2017-2018 Lynnfield High School Program of Studies which did not have any major changes for the coming year. The proposed changes include:

- Rewriting the unified arts descriptions to show the different types of bands
- Include audition component to help with student placement according to ability; assessment
- Renaming some visual arts classes and changes to course descriptions
- Eliminate Spanish 1 CP
- Curriculum set; always exploring options

Mr. Cleary said the music program numbers are growing and attributes it to the popularity of concerts and performances which show students what the program is all about.

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4. Educatus Student

Davide Pittilini an Educatus student from Venice, Italy spoke about his experiences thus far at Lynnfield High School. He spoke about the difference in education in America and Italy.

Highlights included:

- Decision to choose Lynnfield High School based on programs offered; music and indoor track
- Ability to play music as part of a group
- Appreciation to be part of the track team
- Great host family
- Grateful for the opportunity to be at LHS

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5. College Admissions Process

Mr. Moresco and Mrs. Moody gave a presentation about the college admissions process including search and selection from the day a student enters Lynnfield high school thru the selection process. The presentation was given in three parts: National Perspective, LHS Plan and LHS Facts. Highlights included:

National Perspective

- Increase in college applicants due to growth in common application, easier to apply

- Internet has had an impact on college acceptances
- Growth of international students attending college
- Strength of Schedule/GPA
- Two thirds of seniors take at least one AP course
- Standardized Test Scores
- Important role for segment of colleges
- Extracurricular Impact; area that has seen the most change
- Blossom out beyond the community; positive impact on the region
- What impact has the student made in their activities

Mr. Moresco said it is the job of the high school guidance department to make families educated consumers.

LHS Plan

Mrs. Moody detailed the plan for LHS which starts with building a relationship with students and families. The department starts with classroom presentations then meets individually with students.

- Classroom Presentations; timeline for all grades
- Individual meetings with students; review progress, plan for future
- Parent Programming
- Evening Programs for parents
- Breakfast with Guidance
- Naviance which has college and career exploration piece

Facts

- More than 50% of graduates reported cost was a determining factor in which college they attended
- 98% graduates felt post-high school choice was appropriate given their experience at LHS

Mrs. Moody and Mr. Moresco also talked about the stress the college process takes on the students and the families. There was discussion between the committee, Mrs. Moody and Mr. Moresco about opening as many doors as possible for all students; maximize choices and opportunities.

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6. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay reported on:

- College acceptances to date
- New interim Principal named at SSS; Mr. Gregory Hurray
- LMS Gift wrapping event
- Lynnfield Cultural Council grant for LMS Makerspace
- Harvard Pilgrim Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-grant for SSS Makerspace
- Mr. Stone being inducted into Wrestling National Hall of Fame

8:04

Matters for Action

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Vote to approve the Extended Field Studies trip to Montreal, Canada, May 20 - May 23, 2017.

Dr. Cammarata MOVED to approve the Extended Field Studies trip to Montreal, Canada, May 20 - May 23, 2017. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion; all in favor.

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Mrs. Presser MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Borseti

School Committee Secretary