

## Minutes - Regular Meeting December 13, 2016

Pursuant to notice December 13, 2016 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. Bloom, Mr. Ralston, Sergeant Scotina, Officer Curran, Chief Breen, Mr. Ruocco, Ms. Mauro, Mr. Geary, approximately 24 members of the community, and two members of the press.

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1. Minutes presented for approval: Regular Meeting November 29, 2016

Mrs. Presser MOVED to approve the November 15, 2016 minutes. Dr. Cammarata seconded the motion; all in favor

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Mr. Doyle started the meeting out of order as the Student Advisory Council representative was absent and Mr. Bloom was not yet in attendance to present the Extended Field Studies trip to Montreal.

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2. [Security Update](#)

Chief Breen gave an overview of the partnership between the Lynnfield Public Schools and the Lynnfield Police Department regarding safety and security in the schools. Highlights included:

- Identified prior deficiencies with cameras at the schools and upgraded systems
- Ability to upgrade communication system to Copsync with funds raised thru partnerships with local businesses
- Enhancements to 911 system with participating community support
- ALICE Training overview

Sergeant Al Scotina, SRO Pat Curran and Principal Stephen Ralston make up the task force for security. They were instrumental in completing the majority of the work to implement ALICE at the schools by identifying escape routes, areas to reconvene, and worked with the DPW on student transportation to identify alternate meeting locations and evacuation routes.

- ALICE training for staff occurred 8/29/2016; district wide drills for staff occurred 11/2/2016
- ALICE methods can be implemented anywhere; school, home, public places
- Building specific drills; including all staff and support staff
- Physical enhancements to classrooms/grounds
- ALICE student drills will be age specific and may take place at the end of this year or the beginning of next school year

7:00

3. [Extended Field Studies trip to Montreal, Canada](#) - Stephen Bloom

Mr. Stephen Bloom presented the proposed Lynnfield Middle School Pioneer Singers Extended Field Studies trip to Montreal, Canada for May 20-May 23, 2017. This would be the fifth time Mr. Bloom has taken a group on this trip and he is very familiar with border crossing procedures. The performances will take place in churches which is customary in Montreal. The trip price varies due to the request for different room choices; singles, doubles, triples (\$625.00-\$761.00). The committee will vote on the trip at the January 10, 2017 meeting.

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4. [Rediker Update](#)

Mr. Vincent Ruocco updated the committee on the Rediker rollout including SIS and Portals Plus. Mr. Ruocco highlighted the benefits of having one platform including:

- Better pricing
- Ease and secure access when off site for administration and teachers
- Database tied to community outreach system

Other highlights included:

- Teacher assisted collaboration on new system transition
- AP Notify system increased security; kinks worked out (not reaching some addresses or going to spam)
- Upgraded interactive website; mobile friendly
- Surveys for feedback from students, staff and parents
- All features within platform being utilized

7:40

5. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay reported on:

- End of Season Athletic Update
- College Acceptances to date
- Upcoming visiting artist workshop at LHS sponsored by the LHS Art department

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Mrs. Tremblay read a [statement](#) regarding the situation at Summer Street School.

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Mr. Doyle reviewed the protocols regarding public participation.

6. Public Participation

Public participation occurred regarding the recent administrative changes at Summer Street School and the METCO program.

Speakers included: Michelle Vaccaro, Sean Donovan, Laura Daigle, Karen Panos, Dan Kelly, Lindsey Weiss, Stacey Dahlstedt, Mr. Hayman, Pat Campbell, Chief Breen, Andrea Curley, Kristine Hayman, Wendy Dixon, Denise Rothwell and Natasha Anderson.

Comments included:

- Communication between METCO & Summer Street parents not equal
- Lack of explanation to METCO parents; meeting rescheduled due to low response
- Confusion as to who was/is running the school
- Heard about the situation thru the news media and not school administration
- What changed that allowed communication
- Who said you cannot say anything
- Where are we now going forward for the rest of the year; search start for interim
- Corrosive to trust when hearing news from media and not the School Committee or Administration
- Preschool left out of communication
- Where to find a qualified person mid year
- Parent engagement/involvement; move forward with engagement very important
- Lack of seat belts on school buses
- Ensure staff trained in child abuse and diversity
- Emergency preparations; student evacuation readiness
- Uneasiness and skepticism for townspeople; communication plan improvement
- Two sessions for interim principal meet and greet; am & pm for parents
- Incident at LMS swasticker carved into a 7th grade desk not communicated to all students/families
- Support for Mr. Cyr and Mrs. Mauro; concern regarding the additional duties for Special Ed Director (Mrs. Mauro)
- What law prevented notification to parents

Measures to be taken:

- Training for new bus monitor
- Continued Administrative presence and support at school
- Hire interim Principal; start search for new Principal
- Open communication when possible
- Ensure communications sent to all involved parties
- Tap into pool of retired principals
- Continued emergency readiness age appropriate; Copsync
- Ensure students continue to be educated in a safe learning environment
- Swasticker incident addressed grade specific; ongoing investigation
- Staff support made available to students in light of Mrs. DiBiase's resignation

8:44

Matters for Action

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

MOVE to approve the changes to Policies JF, JICH, JICH-E 1 & JICH-E 2, JICH-R, IHAMA.

Mrs. Presser MOVED to approve the changes to Policies JF, JICH, JICH-E 1 & JICH-E 2, JICH-R, IHAMA, IHAMB which were reviewed at the 11/29/2016 meeting. Mr. Hayman Seconded the motion; all in favor.

MOVE to delete Policies IHAE & IHAM.

Mrs. Presser MOVED to delete Policies IHAE & IHAM. Mr. Hayman Seconded the motion; all in favor.

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Mrs. Presser MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:44. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted  
Diane Borseti  
School Committee Secretary