

LYNNFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES – Regular Meeting March 8, 2016

Pursuant to notice March 8, 2016 at the High School Media Center at 7:00 PM

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

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Vernon , 1 member of the press, Mr. Sjoberg, Mrs. Shankland, Ms. Masamba, Mrs. Mauro, Mr. Westmoreland, Mr. Hodgkins, Mr. Bloom and Ms. Fraser. Students: Dominick Gravante, Aja Parker, Ariel Gonzalez, Chase Goldberg, Hannah Gromko, Rafik Khodr, Pearse MacDonald, Benjamin Gazil, David Glynn, and Cara Manfredonia. Many parents were in attendance.

Mrs. Cleary opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

1. Student Advisory Report - Kiley Choi spoke about an excellent speaker that came to the High School - Harriet Turk, who talked about work ethic, self talk and applying to schools. College acceptances come out this month.
2. Minutes for Approval

Mrs. Presser MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2016. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in Favor

3. Glimpse into the Classroom - Music
Kerrie Fraser brought students Benjamin Gazil, David Glynn and Cara Manfredonia from Huckleberry Hill School. They demonstrated rhythm using foods with one or two syllables. Stephen Bloom brought Chase Goldberg, Hannah Gromko, Rafik Khodr and Pease MacDonald from the Middle School. They spoke about the blues being part of every genre of music and Mr. Bloom sang original blues renditions written by the students that attended. Tom Westmoreland brought Dominick Gravante from the High School. They spoke about Flex Fridays, which allows students the opportunity to do individual and personalized work at their own pace that will be added to their portfolio of music skills. Doug Hodgkins brought Aja Parker and Ariel Gonzalez from the High School. They demonstrated how students are teaching and Mentoring other students to learn to play various instruments, which meets the criteria that all student must be able to play an instrument.
4. METCO Advisory Board Update
Ricki Shankland, Kara Mauro and Lelo Masamba presented this update. Mrs. Shankland talked about “Communication” and among other things, the value of the first parent meeting with school administrators in Boston prior to the start of this school year was. All but one METCO family attended. It gave both the students and administrators a chance to get to know each other so the beginning

of school was an easy transition for all. We will do it again prior to the 2016-2017 school year.

Ms. Masamba spoke about services available through METCO Inc. in Boston and how our Boston families are taking advantage of those services. She spoke of how closely each student is monitored through data collection, which can result in interventions such as, Homework Club for students achieving C or less in core content areas, tutoring, and consistent meetings between METCO Director and students.

Mrs. Mauro spoke about the six week comprehensive summer program started last year for our Boston special services students. It may be expanded to all Boston students this summer. Mrs. Herook and Mrs. Mauro devised the program, which includes academics plus fun recreational activities through the SOFA program. Both parents and students were very happy with the summer program. There will be more thought regarding activities for the High School population.

5. Special Education Program Review

Mrs. Mauro focused on the family relationships/leadership model throughout the district. She identified the leaders in the district and talked about SEPAC and Lynnfield Community Connections. She mentioned the Preschool move to Summer Street School as allowing teachers to now be part of a professional learning community. Mrs. Mauro highlighted the collaboration of General Ed. and Special Ed. through Data and Assessment meetings with both parties, co-teaching when possible, consistency in methodologies across grade levels, and Keys to Literacy training school wide are just a few examples.

6. Collaborative Updates

Mrs. Mauro gave an update. She noted all the services that are provided by each collaborative and which services we are presently using through our collaboratives.

7. Chapter 70 Resolution

Mrs. Presser explained the resolution. The Mass Foundation Budget Review Commission identified two areas (employee health insurance and special education) where the Mass Foundation Budget significantly understates the true cost of educating students in the Commonwealth and has failed to keep pace with rising costs. The Suburban Coalition urges each town's Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee to adopt the resolution that asks the Legislature and the Governor to fund the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

Mrs. Presser suggested we add this as an agenda for the next School Committee meeting for discussion and vote. She also suggested getting it to the Selectmen and Finance Committee for their review and vote. This should be followed up by letting our legislatures know of our votes.

8. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay reported on the following:

- District Wide PD Dr Robert Brooks - very well received by staff according to survey - will have a teacher study group on one of his books
- HHS Variety Show - excellent
- Merrimack Fellowship program 2016-2017
 - there are 11 fellows this year
 - proposal for next year is 3 at SS, 5 at LMS and possibly 3 at LHS

10. Matter for Action

Policies:

Mrs. Presser MOVED to approve changes to Policies IJND, JD, JJF and EBE.
Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

Mrs. Presser MOVED to approve adopting Policies GCCD and ECAF. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

Mrs. Presser MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Vernon
School Committee Secretary

METCO Update
SPED Program Review
Chapter 70 Resolution

