

LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
James Leo McGuinness Administration Building
100 Bennett Street
Lynn, Massachusetts

Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting
January 16, 2014 at 6:05 p.m.

Members present: Ms. Capano, Chair
Ms. Coppola
Mr. Starbard

Observing: Ms. Carrasco, Mr. Ford, Mr. Gallo

In Attendance: Dr. Latham, Superintendent
Dr. Warry, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. McHugh, School Business Manager
Attorney Mihos
Mr. Iarrobino, Secretary of the School Committee

Chairman Capano presided.

Item 1: Math requirements for graduation

The LCHS Principal Constantino, LEHS Principal Strangie, LVTI Director Paradis spoke to the committee in support of requiring students pass Algebra I as a graduation requirement beginning with the Class of 2018. Superintendent Latham indicated that she will review this issue and find out if other districts have this requirement, among others. Dr. Latham will report her findings to the committee at a future meeting. No vote was taken.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

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Secretary of the School Committee

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Athletic Sub-Committee of the School Committee
Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 6:20 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Ford, Chair
Ms. Carrasco
Mr. Starbard

Observing: Ms. Capano, Ms. Coppola, Mr. Gallo

In Attendance: Dr. Latham, Superintendent
Dr. Warry, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator
Attorney Mihos
Mr. Iarrobino, Secretary of the School Committee

Chairman Ford presided.

Item 1: Girls' Lacrosse

Mr. Gary Molea, Athletic Director at LEHS spoke in support of offering an instructional program for Girls' Lacrosse. This program would target middle and high school students. He also emphasized the need for a feeder system to have the program succeed. He further stated that the stick and cleats are paid for by the students and the school department will supply protection for the eyes.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to recommend to the full Committee that a Girls' Lacrosse Instructional Program be offered to middle and high school students. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
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Ms. Carrasco	Yes
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Mr. Ford	Yes
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Mr. Starbard	Yes
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Motion passed.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Seconded.

Motion passed on a voice vote.

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Policy Sub-Committee Meeting
January 16, 2014 at 6:46 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Starbard, Chair
Mr. Gallo
Mr. Ford

Observing: Ms. Capano
Ms. Carrasco
Ms. Coppola

In Attendance: Dr. Latham, Superintendent
Dr. Warry, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator
Attorney Mihos
Mr. Iarrobino, Secretary of the School Committee

Chairman Starbard presided.

Item 1: Screening Committee Procedures

Ms. Coppola spoke about amending the Screening Committee procedures. She suggested that the committee be comprised of three staff members of the school along with three parents, one business partner and three School Committee members.

Mr. Ford made a motion to recommend to the full Committee to amend the policy by adding paragraph 7A as follows: "Each screening committee for Principal/Directors should be comprised of 3 staff from that school community, 3 parents/guardians who reflect the school diversity (that being at least one parent from the highest minority percent of students from that school), one community partner involved with that schools' Improvement Council and up to 3 School Committee members." Seconded.
Motion passed on a voice vote.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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**Second Special Meeting of the School Committee
January 16, 2014 at 7:05 p.m.**

Members present: Ms. Capano, Ms. Carrasco, Ms. Coppola, Mr. Ford
Mr. Gallo, Mr. Starbard, Mayor Kennedy

In Attendance: Dr. Latham, Superintendent
Dr. Warry, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator
Attorney Mihos
Mr. Iarrobino, Secretary of the School Committee

Mayor Kennedy presided.

Mayor Kennedy opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

NECROLOGY

1. Jean M. Scotina, retired lunch aide – on December 2, 2013
2. Genevieve C. Spirito, retired teacher – on December 3, 2013
3. Brian White, Custodian – on December 11, 2013
4. Fred J. Elwell, former teacher – on December 15, 2013
5. William J. Hollow – retired custodian – on January 6, 2014

MINUTES

1. Policy Sub-Committee on December 12, 2013
2. Nineteenth Regular Meeting on December 12, 2013
3. First Special Meeting on January 6, 2014

Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATION

1. Jason Jimenez – Music Motivates Me Tour

Mr. Jimenez and his fellow band members thanked Mayor Kennedy, Superintendent Latham, LVTI Director Paradis and the Lynn School Committee for all their support this past year. The group plans to continue their efforts to speak to students about bullying through their music.

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

1. Mark Flaherty, Boys Winter Track – Classical High School – effective December 2, 2013
2. Cara Zubricki, Foreign Languages Department Head – English High – effective January 6, 2014

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Resolution Regarding Charter Schools – for signatures

Superintendent Latham presented the formal resolution regarding Charter Schools to the Committee for signature. All members signed the resolution.

No vote was necessary.

2. Roof Top Solar Panel – Mr. Donovan

This will be rescheduled for a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Teacher of the Year Awards: Lynn Rotary Club

Mr. Steve Upton and Mr. Ray Bastarache presented information to the committee on a new Lynn Rotary Club program. The purpose of the Rotary Club Lynn Teacher of the Year Award is to call attention to the importance of service to the community. The award provides an opportunity to publicly applaud our teachers and to reward those who have demonstrated excellence in their profession by “going the extra mile.” Nominees for the award are solicited from all Lynn schools, public and private. Winning recipients will each receive a cash award as will their school.

No vote was taken.

2. Requests for Field Trip

- a. English High School – Sgt.Maj. Ken Oswald – 2014 national High School Drill Team Championships, Daytona Beach, FL. – April 30 – May 7, 2014
- b. English High School – Sgt.Maj. Ken Oswald – 2014 All Service Drill Competition, Reading, PA – March 28 – 29, 2014

Ms. Coppola made a motion to approve the MCJROTC field trips to Daytona Beach, Florida on April 30 - May 7, 2014 and Reading, Pennsylvania on March 28 - 29, 2014. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- c. Shoemaker School – Patricia Riley – Nature’s Classroom- September 29, 2014-October 3, 2014

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the field trip by Shoemaker School to Nature’s Classroom on September 29 - October 3, 2014. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Ratification of votes taken in the Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting: Math requirements for graduation.

No votes were taken.

4. Ratification of votes taken in the Athletic Sub-Committee Meeting: Girls Lacrosse

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the vote taken at the Athletic Sub-Committee meeting of January 16, 2014 to offer a girls’ Lacrosse instructional program to middle and high school students. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Ratification of votes taken in the Policy Sub-Committee Meeting: Screening Committee Procedures.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to adopt the following change to the Screening Committee Procedures: Add paragraph 7A

“Each Screening Committee for Principal/Directors should be comprised of three staff from that school community, three parents/guardians who reflect the school diversity (that being at least one parent from the highest minority % of students from that school), one community partner involved with that schools’ Improvement Council and up to three School Committee members.”

Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

6. Request for Approval of Proprietary Items for the New Thurgood Marshall Middle School

Ms. Coppola made a motion to approve the Proprietary Items for the New Thurgood Marshall Middle School as presented. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

6. Donation of six IPADS (with training for parents and students) from Northeast ARC to Shoemaker School Coach students.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept the donation of six IPADS (with training) from Northeast ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens) to Shoemaker School Coach students. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

1. Enrollment Reports – January 1, 2014

Provided for information only.

2. Update on District Focus Area # 9: Innovative Programs

Ms. Kim Powers, Director of Curriculum, Mr. Mike Geary, Assistant Director of Curriculum for Health and Physical Education and Mr. Richard Held, Acting Assistant Director of Curriculum for Science.

Ms. Powers spoke about a recent effort to offer programs beyond the school day with elementary students developing their own school newspaper. Superintendent Latham noted that this is an enrichment program which is outside the STEM curriculum. Students will develop skills in writing, poetry, interviewing, digital technology and leadership.

Mr. Held spoke about the ROBOTIC STEM enrichment program. Grade 5 students from four schools (Ingalls, Sewell-Anderson, Shoemaker and Washington) will participate in this after school program for 20 weeks. Emphasis is on engineering topics and the need to develop skills in teamwork, collaboration, design and computer programming of their robots. Superintendent Latham anticipates this being offered in all the elementary schools next year.

Mr. Geary provided information on additional programs being offered by the Health & Physical Education Department. (1) Peer Health Exchange Program involves college students who are invited to share health topics with students; (2) Partnership with Camp Fire Self Reliance Program to develop leadership skills, character education and healthy decision making; (3) Second Step which emphasizes social and emotional learning; (4) A grant is being applied for to offer professional development Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATS) Program; (5) University of Massachusetts Extension will offer nutrition education and developing healthy habits at the elementary levels; (6) Alliance for Healthier Generation Program; (7) Safety Programs at the high school and summer safety events at the elementary school.

Dr. Latham informed the Committee of the following new programs.

Volunteers from General Electric are working on the Science Labs for the Washington School.

The School Department is researching the use of electronic books (hardware and software requirements) at the high school level.

Expand the Teacher Training Program

Dr. Warry stated that the School Department has expanded the Tutorial Program to serve seven home day care facilities (YMCA, Girls, Inc. Gregg House, Boys and Girls Club and day care centers). SAT Prep will be funded through Title I funds. The School Department is considering adding Chinese to the foreign language curriculum.

3. Thurgood Marshall Middle School Project – Monthly Progress Report – November, 2013

Provided for information only.

4. Thurgood Marshall Middle School Project – Monthly Progress Report – December, 2013

Provided for information only.

5. Superintendent's Report

MSBA Update

Marshall Middle School is on track. Bids are going out soon.
The Pickering Middle School Statement of Interest (SOI) is being prepared.

Bright Lights:

A+ Students from LEHS and LCHS will participate in the WCVB Program
From Classical HS Denyse Hairston and Evan Gikas from English HS.

Five Posse Scholars from Classical: Eseosa Asiruwa, Alexia Aguilar, Vanessa Rodriguez-Jimenez, Heidi Mendez and Hali Bah. They will all receive four years worth of tuition and fees.

20 Under 20 honorees by Marian Court College:

Roberta Brown, LVTI
Chioma Gathoga-Ogbuikwe, LEHS
Kristin Lauria, LCHS

Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) Teen Council gave a community concert for the women of Rosie's Place. LEHS student Edward Senn participated.

Endicott Scholarship: Lynn has three applicants: Krista Cuzzo, Stavroula Panagopoulos, and Jaqueline Wilson.

Unused Lunches: Many schools have devised their own plans for distributing left over food. Mr. Kevin Richardson will review the different plans and a recommendation will be provided at a future meeting.

Lynn Rotary Club donated dictionaries to each third grader in the District.

Solar Panels: ISD is involved with many energy efficient projects and will get to this suggestion in the future.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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