

**Lincoln Sudbury School Regional School District Meeting
Minutes
September 13, 2016**

Present

Elena Kleifges, Chair; Kevin Matthews, Vice–Chair; Radha Gargeya; Patty Mostue; Gerald Quirk. Nancy Marshall was absent.

Also Present

Bella Wong, Superintendent/Principal; Sherry Kersey; Director of Finance and Facilities; Caroline Singler, TA President; Caitlin Carter, Student Representative; Will Egan, Eagle Scout; Mr. Egan, parent.

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7: 30 pm

Approval of Minutes

On a motion from Patty Mostue, the Minutes for July 12th, 2016, were approved. Radha Gargeya seconded the motion pending edits. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Presentation

Will Egan presented his Eagle Scout Proposal to the School Committee. A service project is required to attain the rank of Eagle Scout and must be a project that will benefit the community. Will plans to build a bench and install eight signs indicating the identification of various local plants present in the Butterfly Garden. He has been working with S.W.E.E.T. in designing a bench and signs that would be suitable for the location. He plans to implement his project on September 24th, 2016.

VOTE: On a motion from Gerald Quirk, the School Committee approved Will Egan’s plan to install a bench and signs designating plant identification. Patty Mostue seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor and look forward to seeing the finished project.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recognitions

Bella Wong recognized Building and Grounds staff for their efforts in preparing the school and grounds for the new school year. Work was completed clearing the White House Pre–School area and installing the new marquee sign. The sign is of a design consistent with other signs in Sudbury. Ms. Wong extended her

thanks to the Administrative team, House teams, Counselors, House Assistants, Lori Hodin and the MVP volunteers for their efforts in preparing the school for opening week. Additional thanks were extended to Sherry Kersey for overseeing the Aramark food service during the first days of school.

Lauren Kim and Isabelle Nelson represented Massachusetts in the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists Congress of Future Medical Leaders held in Boston in July. Senator Elizabeth Warren commended them on their academic excellence and pursuit of further developing their skills.

Carly Gordenstein (LS16) was featured in an NPR piece regarding children of victims of 9/11 15 years later. Carly was articulate, measured and thoughtful in her comments broadcast on air along with other children also affected. We will miss Carly at our School Committee meetings and know her to be a fine young woman who is an exemplary representative of the school.

A thank you to Ken Kimura and Allison Richardson for ably welcoming and preparing our 19 new hires for the beginning of school. The Orientation process pairs new hires with LS mentors to assist them in navigating LS.

First Adventure, coordinating by Amanda Klein, Chris Herbert and Jeff Mazza was a great success. Approximately 80 upperclass LS students were on hand to give incoming 9th graders a tour of the building and to answer questions.

Charles Depotopulos has organized and managed the purchase and installation of the new orchestra pit cover. It is now safer and more secure and students and faculty who traverse it now will not sound like a herd of elephants! The manufacturer of the pit cover is Wenger, a highly respected provider for the music industry.

LSB Players have just completed auditions for the Fall musical, **How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying**. The show will be performed the weekend before Thanksgiving weekend, November 16–19, 2016.

Tom Danko spent three weeks in Hangzhou, China, sponsored by the Sino American Bridge for Education and Health at Bryant University where he taught “Creative Explorations in Biology and Physics to teachers and students for three weeks.

Vicky Caburian participated in the Wellness Connection at St. Louis University in Baguio City, Philippines where she taught a class in LS Wellness Department practices to professors and students in the Physical Education Department for 3 weeks during July 2016. The travel was supported by a FELS grant.

The Counseling Department has streamlined the teacher recommendation process in Naviance. Meetings begin next week with Seniors and after Quarter 1, meetings with 9th graders will begin.

Andrew Nyamekye, METCO Advisor, has taken a position as METCO Director in Hingham. We congratulate him but are sad to see him go. Interviews for his replacement are underway.

Student Senate Representative

Caitlyn Carter is the Student Senate President for 2016–2017. She reported that at the first Student Senate meeting, new senators introduced one another and discussed the upcoming 9th grade elections which will be held at the end of September or early October. The senate considered initiatives for the coming school year such as the Christmas fundraiser, raising funds for the Veteran's Plaque, and raising awareness among the student body regarding the upcoming presidential election.

Elena Kleifges brought up an unfinished initiative of last year's student senate – the issue of no homework during breaks. Ms. Wong reported that a faculty committee has been formed to discuss the subject and a formal vote will be taken by the faculty committee in the next few months.

TA president

Caroline Singler was welcomed as the new TA President. She reported that teachers had returned to school refreshed and having had many opportunities for professional ED&E, many facilitated by colleagues. Orientation for new hires and First Adventure for incoming 9th graders were successes. Counselors and teachers have begun writing college recommendations, there are additional state mandated trainings, and teachers are looking forward to meeting the parents/guardians on Back to School Night, September 14th, 2016.

Chairman's Report

Elena Kleifges reminded the School Committee members that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees annual meeting would take place soon. Elena Kleifges, Nancy Marshall and Radha Gargeya plan to attend.

The Tri-Superintendent Committee will continue to look into the subject of a later start time for high school students.

Liaison Reports

Radha Gargeya attended Sudbury Budget Strategy Task Force meeting to review the FY16 Budget and to begin discussions regarding FY17 and FY18 Budgets. He reminded the committee and the public that the meetings are open to the public and invited concerned citizens to attend.

Superintendent Report

Bella Wong reported that the LS School Committee had voted for a place holder for the Sudbury Special Town Meeting on October 17th, 2016. Following the September 6th LS School Committee Meeting, Elena Kleifges, Radha Gargeya and Bella Wong attended the Sudbury Board of Selectmen meeting to inform the Board of Selectmen that LS could fund the cost of security cameras and the replacement of the lower turf fields with Excess and Deficiency Funds. On September 7th, Bella Wong and Sherry Kersey met with Jim Kelly who is organizing capital funding questions to be considered at Sudbury Town Meeting. LS is on the agenda for the Capital Improvement Action Committee which will meet on October 5th. On September 12th, L-S officially submitted a warrant for the Town Meeting. On September 16th, Sherry Kersey and Bella Wong will meet with Jeff Barker and Susan Berry of the Sudbury Finance Committee. Peter Elenbaas, Athletic Director, prepared a powerpoint regarding the replacement of the turf fields that was sent to the Lincoln and Sudbury Capital Improvements Committees and shared it with Tim Higgins, Lincoln Town Manager, and Peyton Marshall, Chair of the Lincoln Finance Committee. The Town of Lincoln has already approved an appropriation for the security cameras. Therefore if security cameras are also approved at the Sudbury Special Town Meeting, there will be enough funds to purchase the cameras.

Regarding the replacement of the lower turf fields, Bella Wong reported that the existing turf fields were installed in 2004 with a life expectancy of 10 years. The fields are the most highly used capital asset at LS (approximately 1716 hours per year). LS is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the fields. Town youth sports are heavy users of the fields and pay a fee to the Park and Recreation Department which does not redirect monies to LS to contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the fields or for future improvements/ replacements. Gerald Quirk pointed out that LS must pay Park and Recreation for pool rental for the LS Swim Team. Bella Wong agreed that there must be an equitable method to charge the Sudbury Park and Recreation Department as well as the Lincoln Park and Recreation Department.

The estimated cost to repair the lower turf fields would be \$875,000. There is significant deterioration in high use areas which creates an uneven surface which creates a cleat “catch” that would increase the likelihood of injury to athletes. It is recommended that the replacement be Turf Prep Slit Film Fiber Elite 2.5” with coolplay infill which would provide an intermediate coated cork layer, not the recycled tire crumb. Sources of funding to replace the lower turf fields were discussed. If funding issues could be resolved this fall, the project could be put to bid and replaced during the summer.

Director of Finance and Facilities Report

Sherry Kersey reported that she found it helpful to begin on July 1st in order to be up and running before start of school in September. She is looking forward to increasing the efficiency of the Business Office.

Information and Discussion

There was no information and discussion.

Action Items

VOTE: Radha Gargeya moved to elect Bella Wong to act as the voting member representing the LS School Committee at EDCO. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

VOTE: Gerald Quirk nominated Sherry Kersey to act as Procurement Officer and Manager of Public Records to fulfill the requirements of the new records law. Kevin Matthews seconded the motion. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

VOTE: Kevin Matthews moved to accept the class gift of an Elm Tree from the Class of 1978. Patty Mostue seconded the motion. The LS School Committee indicated its appreciation of the generous gift. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

Calendar

Back to School Night	September 14, 2016
LS School Committee	September 27, 2016
Rosh Hashanah	October 3, 2016
Warnings	October 4, 2016
Columbus Day	October 10, 2016
Yom Kippur	October 12, 2016
LS School Committee	October 13, 2016

Adjournment

On a motion from Gerald Quirk and seconded by Radha Gargeya, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Francy Zingale