



Town of Littleton School Committee



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES January 11, 2024 7:00PM

PRESENT: Justin McCarthy
Stacy Desmarais
Elaine Santelmann
Binal Patel

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Clenchy
Steve Mark
Dorothy Mulone
Karen Solomonides

NOT PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Justin McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

On a motion by Stacy Desmarais and seconded by Elaine Santelmann it was voted to approve the December 14, 2023, consent agenda as presented. (AYE: Unanimous).

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

RECOGNITION

1. Student Representative(s) Report: Student Representative, Jay Kang gave an update of events for each school.

2. Superintendent Clenchy: The Connections Series Event on January 16th, will be in the LMS Cafetorium. The topic for the event is Universal Design for Learning within a Multi-Tiered System of Support with presenter Tara Trainor. Also, on April 30, 2024 Dr. Wornum will speak at our rescheduled Connections

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Our mission is to foster a community of learners who strive for excellence and prepare each student to be a successful, contributing citizen in a global society.

Presentation: Defining Cultural Proficiency at the high school auditorium from 6-7PM. I would also like to thank the DPW and the custodial staff for doing a great job with snow removal.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Financial Policies Working Group: On a motion by Elaine Santelmann and seconded by Stacy Desmarais it was voted elect Justin McCarthy as the Financial Policies Working Group Representative from the school committee. (AYE: Unanimous).

PRESENTATIONS

1. Esports Presentation: Please see the presentation in the packet: Paul Orzech discussed Esports at the HS. It's the fastest growing sports club, 45 participating schools, 27 students per school and 1243 registered players. This is a completely free program for all high schools and we hope to put together a unified team in the future.

Jay Kang: Are the sports teams only limited to the games that PlayVS offers?

Paul Orzach: Through the platform that organizes the leagues and coordinates with high schools they only allow a certain number of games each year. So we are limited to 6 or 7 games.

Elaine Santelmann: How do you overcome the challenge of having only 1 Oculus Rift?

Paul Orzach: We had to have people reserve time slots.

2. New School Improvement Plan Updates, Standard 5 Technology: Please see presentations in the packet: Principals Michelle Kane from Shaker Lane, Cheryl Temple from Russell Street, Jason Everhart from Middle School and John Harrington all gave updates on their schools' technology resources.

Elaine Santelmann: Can you explain what the tech teacher leader role is?

Michelle Kane: We have one position in our building who is the tech leader who is our go to person if we have questions about how to set up accounts or if someone is putting on PD. Each grade level team has 1 to 2 people that are tech savvy but Rachel Duarte is our go-to person building wide or gets the PD funneled from Central Office.

Stacey Desmarais: Can you tell me about the digital citizenship program? Is this for kids' safety or is it about healthy technology patterns?

Cheryl Temple: It's all of those things. It's a series of lessons on being safe on the computer.

Justin McCarthy: Where are you with the phase out of the MacBooks into Chromebooks?

Jason Everhart: It's more of a discussion about end of life, when do the current teacher MacBooks become outdated and can we start to replace them with Chromebooks as we move forward.

Stacy Desmarais: How is Digital Citizenship being integrated into middle school?

Jason Everhart: It starts in 6th grade and is revisited in 7th grade. It moves across the curriculum all 3 years.

3. Instructional Technology Update: Please see the presentation in the packet: Julie Lord gave highlights on technology across the district. 1:1 Technology program K-12, On-line safety hub for parents, interactive

panels, Cleartouch and touchview for students in the classrooms. Merge Cubes in the classroom is a device based on providing a virtual reality experience for students. CoSpaces is a platform to create AR and VR environments. Julie Lord talked about professional learning on AI and the impact it has on education.

Elaine Santelmann: Is the technology plan part of the strategic plan or is the technology plan a separate document? When does the technology plan expire?

Superintendent Kelly Clenchy: It's a separate document and we review the plan every year.

Justin McCarthy: I was wondering if we could somehow access this information as it relates to the effectiveness of training provided for the staff and also an annual assessment of teacher needs and the annual report of technology?

Superintendent Kelly Clenchy: It will be better to do a presentation. We'll take a look at what we haven't covered and we'll come up with a plan for a future presentation.

4. Financial Update: Please see the presentation in the packet: Steve Mark says we are in good financial shape.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PMBC: HS roof received the last of the materials we are just waiting for a timeline for completion. This project is 99% completed.

2. Budget Subcommittee: Meeting on January 17th at 4:00PM. We will have members of the finance committee and the select board joining us for that meeting.

3. Policy: (see LPS website to view all policies) Motion to accept for second reading the following modified policies, BEDH, BG, BHE, BIBA and BJ. Motion by Binal Patel and seconded by Elaine Santelmann. (AYE: Unanimous)

Motion to accept the following policies as current, BEDF, BEDG, BGB, BIA, BID, BK. Motion by Binal Patel and seconded by Elaine Santelmann. (AYE: Unanimous)

4. Shaker Lane Building Committee Update: We had a meeting this past Tuesday and we decided to come up with our designer selection committee for the designer and architects that we have I believe in March. Superintendent Kelly Clenchy and Stacy Desmarais are going to be representing the school. Then Chuck DeCoste and select board members Steve Venuti and Ryan Ferarra are on that committee. Next steps are to wait for a selection process and to post the job, then select 3.

5. SEPAC: Topic of the conversation was on explaining the major changes in the updated IEP. Next date TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Justin McCarthy and seconded by Elaine Santelmann it was voted to adjourn at 8:44PM to go into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiation discussion with no intention to return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Justin McCarthy, AYE; Elaine Santelmann, AYE; Binal Patel, AYE; and Stacy Desmarais, AYE.

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 25, 2023

7:00PM

DOCUMENTS AS PART OF MEETING

Esports Presentation

New School Improvement Plan Updates, Standard 5 Technology

Instructional Technology Update

Financial Update

Policies