



Town of Littleton School Committee

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES September 28, 2023 7:00PM

PRESENT: Justin McCarthy
Jen Gold
Stacy Desmarais
Elaine Santelmann

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Clenchy
Steve Mark
Dorothy Mulone
Karen Solomonides

NOT PRESENT: Binal Patel

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

RECOGNITION

- 1. Student Representative(s) Report:** Student Representative, Jacinda Sanders gave an update for each school.
- 2. Certificate of Academic Excellence:** Dr. Kelly Clenchy and Dr. John Harrington recognized and presented three High School students who have been chosen to receive the Certificate of Academic Excellence awarded from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. Aria Patel, Nadia Pavlov and Lisa Hood.

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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.

3. Superintendent Clenchy announced that DESE named Littleton Middle School as one of the 66 top performing schools in the state. Principal Jason Everhart expressed his thanks for being one of the top performing schools. Principal Jason Everhart is elated on being in the top 4% of all schools in the state of Massachusetts. Thanking all parents and staff for all their support.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Advanced Placement (AP):** The high school administration gave a brief overview of the May 2023 AP assessment results.

AP Courses at LHS

1. AP Psychology
2. AP English Literature & Composition
3. AP United States History
4. AP Calculus
5. AP Statistics
6. AP Biology
7. AP Physics C: Mechanics
8. AP Computer Science Principles
9. AP Computer Science A (not running in 2023)
10. AP Art History
11. AP Art & Design
12. AP Macroeconomics (not running in 2023)

Subjects were students took 2023 AP Exams

1. Computer Science A
2. Computer Science Principles
3. Psychology
4. English Literature & Composition
5. United States History
6. Calculus AB
7. French Language and Culture
8. Latin
9. Spanish Language & Culture
10. Environmental Science
11. Biology
12. Calculus BC
13. Statistics
14. Music Theory
15. Physics C: Mechanics
16. Chemistry
17. Human Geography
18. AP Drawing

Number of students taking AP exams: 127 students took 240 AP exams

Number and Percentage of Exams at each AP Score Level, May 2023

*Results include students who took multiple exams 23% of the students taking the AP Exam scored a 5 on their exam.

Number & Percentage of students with one or more scores of 3 or higher 82% of the students taking the AP exam scored a 3 or higher.

Summary

- 82% students scored at least a 3 on one AP Exam
 - 58% of Graduating class scored a 3 or higher on an exam at least once
- As with last year, 127 exams were scored a 4 or 5
- AP Statistics and AP Psychology have two sections this year
- AP Macroeconomics was added last year
- AP Art History returned this year
- World Language department has shifted away from AP
- 22 Students taking an AP course through VHS in 23-24
 - Including 12 through Federal SAPAO Grant

Elaine Santelmann: Stunned at the offerings of AP Classes at the HS.

Stacy Desmarais: Great work.

Jen Gold: Great presentation, super impressive. Do we have a sense of how this stacks up against other high schools in our area, in the state or in our immediate area?

Keith Comeau replied looking at some of the area schools they offer more courses because they have a larger faculty ex: Acton-Boxborough and Westford. We are somewhat limited by our size but we do supplement with VHS and dual enrollment possibilities and offer more higher level options for kids. I don't have specifics about local schools, we can try to find that with connections to area principals and curriculum coordinators.

2. NWEA MAP Update (District): Mrs. Steele, Director of Teaching and Learning presented a summary of MAP Growth testing results from the 2022/2023 school year.

Important Reminders about MAP Growth

- MAP Growth Assessments are adaptive.
- Assess 3X a year.
- Provide real time data on current achievement.
- Provide real time data on what students are ready to learn next.

Mrs. Steele presented the Student Growth Summary for all four schools and compared the data from Fall 2020 through Spring 2023. The overview of the data was included in the presentation. She went through the strengths and areas of improvement for both Reading and Math. She also presented the individual grades achievement in both subjects in each grade assessed. Each grade demonstrated growth in each subject. It is even higher than the 2020 national norm.

Superintendent Kelly Clenchy - We use this assessment because it is real time data, it is adaptive, and we can use this data in real time when gearing our instruction in the classrooms to both the high achievers as well as the students who might need some help in certain areas.

Key Takeaways

- Consistently above the national average in both reading and math.
- Making expected progress
- Math 74% = Students at or above grade-level mean RIT
Reading 75% = Students at or above grade-level mean RIT
- Math 93% = LoAvg and above
Reading 93% = LoAvg and above

Elaine Santelmann: This is very valuable information. Would you say the high scores you are seeing all the improvement, much of it is linked back to the fact the students are in a very targeted way getting what they

need in the classroom due to this data? Is part of the PD time the teachers spending collaborating helping them with teaching strategies?

Elizabeth Steele: Yes, in part I think that is true. The other support is our focus on UDL.

Stacy Desmarais: Great progress.

Justin McCarthy: Wonderful presentation. So I understand correctly and confirm we do receive individual results and we're able to make decisions for individual students based upon the results that we get?

Elizabeth Steele: Yes, each individual educator is able to see individual student results for those students in their classes.

NEW BUSINESS

None

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **PMBC:** HS Roof is still being worked on, snow melt system will be installed next week and are still waiting on materials for another portion of the roof we are expecting this on 10/24/23, should be done before the snow falls.
2. **Budget Subcommittee:** There will be an open meeting on 10/3/23 at 3:00PM at the Superintendent's Office.
3. **Policy: NONE**
4. **Shaker Lane Building:** Steve Marks stated that the selection committee interviewed the prospective OPM firms, narrowed it down to (3), selected (1) negotiated with that one firm and have a contract price. We are now in the process of finalizing the document that narrates the whole process to MSBA and getting them ready to submit that form. Once we submit that form we will be invited to the November 2 MSBA meeting. They then approve the OPM selection that we made, once that happens we can then sign the contract with the OPM and start moving forward with finding a designer and architect to do the feasibility study and really move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Elaine Santelmann and seconded by Stacy Demarais it was voted to adjourn at 8:24 PM. Roll Call Vote: Justin McCarthy, AYE; Jen Gold, AYE; Elaine Santelmann, AYE; and Stacy Desmarais, AYE.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 12, 2023

7:00PM

DOCUMENTS AS PART OF MEETING

DESE Recognizes Littleton Middle School

LHS Advanced Placement (AP) May 2023 Results

NWEA MAP Growth Assessments