

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 12, 2010
Cary Hall, Estabrook Room
1605 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Margaret Coppe, School Committee Members Sandro Alessandrini, Rod Cole, Jessie Steigerwald Mary Ann Stewart and student representative Liam Gandelsman. The minutes were taken by Leora Tec.

The meeting was convened at 6:38 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Welcome (Margaret Coppe)

II. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns

Jessie Steigerwald: I asked PTA presidents what would be helpful for School Committee office hours.

I attended the Youth Service Council meeting last week: 1) They are planning a summer activity for kids, perhaps building backpacks for kids in need; 2). Does the School Committee want to have a table at the anti-bullying talk on May 13th?

Margaret Coppe: Thursday night at LHS there is a PTSA meeting about alcoholism and teens among other risky behaviors. It is at 7:00 p.m. on April 15th.

III. Discussion

1. School Committee Liaison Assignments

The members discussed the liaison assignments.

2. Bowman Principal Mary Anton introduced two teachers from Sagan Primary in Kenya who are visiting for two and a half weeks. The two teachers spoke briefly, answered questions about their school system and expressed gratitude for welcoming them to Lexington.

3. Site Council Training – Where do we go from here?

About a month ago there was a training for site council members organized by Mary Ann Stewart and Jessie Steigerwald. Jessie reported on the training. Twenty-five people attended and comments were positive. Some thought they would benefit from sharing information with other site councils. Jessie suggested that sometime in May there be a gathering of interested site council members. Mary Ann suggested an online presence for sharing resources.

Timing of the setting of School Committee goals, district goals and site council goals was discussed.

Jessie wants support to plan a meeting in May so site council members from across the district can come together.

4. Policy Subcommittee.

Margaret Coppe: We have met twice. We are working on the facilities policy. Other policies include the security cameras, collection of funds and two others that Mary Ellen Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance has sent to us.

VI. Action Items

1. Vote to Accept \$432 Donation from Wilson Farms' *Shop at Wilson Farms* School Fundraiser to Be Deposited in the Maria Hastings School Gift Account

Motion to accept with gratitude a \$432 donation from Wilson Farms' *Shop at Wilson Farms* School Fundraiser to be deposited in the Maria Hastings School Gift Account (Steigerwald, Stewart). The motion passed 5-0.

2. Vote to Accept \$300 Donation from Sasaki Associates to the 2010 LHS Science & Engineering Fair
3. Vote to Accept \$300 Donation from the Massachusetts Port Authority to the Lexington Public School Science Club
4. Vote to Accept \$300 Donation from the Lions Club of Lexington, Inc., to the 2010 LHS Science & Engineering Fair
5. Vote to Accept \$300 Donation from Cubist Pharmaceuticals Inc. to the 2010 LHS Science & Engineering Fair
6. Vote to Accept \$650 Donation from Burwen Technology, Inc., to the 2010 LHS Science & Engineering Fair
7. Vote to Accept \$750 Donation from Shire Human Genetic Therapies Inc. to the 2010 LHS Science & Engineering Fair

Motion to accept with gratitude the donations listed in numbers 2-7 above (Steigerwald, Cole). The motion passed 5-0.

VII. Motion to recess to reconvene on Town Meeting floor and adjourn at end of tonight's Town Meeting (Steigerwald, Stewart). The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was recessed at 7:37 p.m.