



CITY OF MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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Linden STEAM Academy Governing Board Agenda
December 11th, 2018 at 5:45 pm
Linden STEAM Academy Library

1. Call to Order at 5:48pm

Eden Garhart Smith, John Murray, Tim Ruggere, Jessica Leggett, Cynara Cannatella, Vetsanet DePabachewk, John Oteri, Deb Gesualdo, Rachana Gray, Kenya Avant, Elaine Rittershaus, Justin Umlah, Kathleen Christensen, John Froio

2. Approval of Minutes from November

- a. Motion made by Elaine Rittershaus, seconded by Deb Gesualdo. Motion Passes.

3. Ongoing Business

- a. Governing Board Goals (Aligned with district)

- i. Write Goals and Template

- subcommittees are ways to measure, each should have a goal to accomplish
- Establish the goal of board in July meeting so prepared for the entire year
- all submit ideas to one place(Justin Umlah), cannot work off the same doc, can be sent out along with agenda as an attachment that cannot be discussed or edited among one another...short and long term, with specific end dates
- Motion to individually submit ideas for short term and long term goals to be compiled for next meeting in January.
- Motion made by Kenya Avant, seconded by Elaine Rittershaus. Motion passes.

- b. Formation of subcommittees (see i, ii, iii)

- Idea of bringing this up during the school day for not just members but also to include all staff members such as during early release days
- Any way to have early release days break into groups for subcommittees?
- 900 students need representation as well
- It is hoped that all parents realize and understand that teachers don't see school as just their career and that they each advocate for all students whether in front of them every day, in another grade, etc.
- chair would be needed for each subcommittee
- decision to open to all staff, parents, etc. ;however, chairs must be governing board members
- Tim can have this in connect-ed as agenda item, also to reach out to him if unable to attend parent breakfast

- Justin Umlah to email all staff
- 7th and 8th graders to be on the sub-committees. Jessica Leggett to organize and reach out to 7th and 8th graders.

i. School Improvement Plan

co-chairs: Kenya Avant and Tim Ruggere

ii. Parent Engagement

chair: Eden Garhart Smith

- Can families watch meetings on Facebook live? (not to comment or make decisions, but to be informed)

iii. AEAP

co-chairs: Justin Umlah, Cynara Cannatella

- decision to end AEAP requires public comment
- grandfather it out
- timeline should create decision by May
- terminate vs. parameters
- survey parents and educators

iv. Governing Board Bylaws

chair-

- Deb Gesualdo on occasion when available but can't fully commit

v. Grants

chair-Tim Ruggere

c. LSA Bullying Plan

- parents cannot find an updated plan
- district one is updated then edited from state and it will be up
- admin team has looked at it
- require blessing from dept of ed
- redone in 2015, transition

*Motion to move representation on governing board to be made by Deb Gesualdo, seconded by Elaine Rittershaus. Motion passes.

d. MCAS data review

- move to school improvement plan sub committee

e. Edit staff PD survey

- few additions of straight-forward questions re: opinion of
- Motion made to pass this survey by Cynara Cannatella, seconded Kenya Avant. Motion passes.

4. New Business

a. Developing focus groups for grant ideas

b. Parity of representation on governing board

- C. Shuman needs to come off info sheet distributed at meeting by Cynara Cannatella

- Need for equality based on DOE because of school council
- Governing board takes place of school council, in by-laws it states numbers and was agreed with bargaining with MEA
- Would require lawyers of school committee and the union to answer this
- demand for bargain has already gone in for Unit A so cannot discuss this at the meeting, b/c language in contract can impact bargain this article 30.0.1 and 30.0.2
- This can be discussed when negotiations are over
- Important to understand value of MEA involvement as part of balance
- looking forward to make sure parents have same as kids
- innovation school laws overlap among boards vs. school councils
- would be great for school district to get legal opinion on how governing board school council blurriness interacts with collective bargaining agreement
- Can we add a parent or 2 down the line?

5. Administrator's Report

- Callie Walsh, Jen Gayda, and Meghan Lalumiere did an amazing job with the Drama Club and it's production
- Thursday night is winter choir at 6:30 in middle school

6. Public comment

7. Personal Privilege

Justin-cognizant of sending agenda items and length of time

Kath- The play raised \$750. The after school program asked to take the Drama Club on. Doing so would limit many students as not many middle schoolers pay for and attend the after school program.

Eden- LSA staff is doing so much for kids from Robotics club to Drama Club, as well as administration running after school homework help.

8. Adjournment 6:57pm

Motion by Elaine Rittershaus, second by John Murray