



CITY OF MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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LINDEN S.T.E.A.M. ACADEMY

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Linden STEAM Academy Governing Board Meeting
November 8, 2017 at 5:45 pm in the Linden STEAM Academy Library

Call to order 5:48pm

Boswell, Sarah (parent)	Present
Bransfield, Richard (principal)	Present
Marino, Scott (teacher)	Present
Coye, Kathleen (teacher)	Present
John Oteri (superintendent)	Present
Deronnette, Filaine (parent)	Absent
Froio, John (school committee)	Present
Gray, Rachana (parent)	Present
Leggett, Jessica (teacher)	Present
Rittershaus, Elaine (teacher)	Present
Shuman-Caudill, Christine (parent)	Present
Terban, Susan (teacher)	Present
Walsh, Callie (teacher)	Present
Young, Leonard (community member)	Absent

Deb Gesualdo (MEA representative)	Present
Kari Percival (parent)	Present
Justin Umlah (teacher)	Present

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) Quorum sufficient to conduct business
- 2) Approval of Minutes
 - a) Elaine motion to approve minutes. Christine second.
 - b) Discussion: A few edits under Principal's report.
 - c) Minutes approved with edits.
- 3) Old business
 - a) Date for Alumni Dinner
 - i) April 6 will be date for event
 - ii) Deb and Christine will work with Rich on organizing the Alumni Dinner. Rachana will provide information on the following:
 - (1) Menu choices
 - (2) DJ – needs to check with the date
 - (3) Gift baskets
 - b) Sponsor Wall
 - i) Work will be ongoing to get information out in the spring
 - c) Boston Scientific Grant
 - i) Sarah and Susan reaching out multiple times, but did not hear back from Boston Scientific
 - ii) To apply for the grant next year the LSA board needs access to district financial information
 - (1) Superintendent suggested forwarding to Toni Mertz
 - iii) Sarah will reach out to Boston Scientific about requirements for grant
 - d) Subcommittee Membership
 - i) Members of the LSA board will work with grade level/team contacts to get information out about sub-committees
 - (1) Deadline to sign up will be December 12
 - ii) List of subcommittee from previous meeting
 - (1) Grant writing, Boston Scientific grant, AEAP assessment, Gala
- 4) AEAP Math Assessment
 - a) Justin working with Susan on Mastery Connect
 - b) Welcome Cards for New Staff
 - i) What do you want to say on the card.
 - (1) General welcome and see us with questions and let them know when next meeting is
 - (2) Have a list of ways to get involved with school for teachers
 - (3) Would be nice to do similar thing at the end of the year for retirees.

- 5) New Business
 - a) Open Meeting Law Review Sign-Off
 - i) Deb sent out link from the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Education page
 - ii) LSA Board members need to sign that they have received and reviewed open meeting law rules.
 - iii) Sign-off can be returned at December 13 meeting
- 6) Principal's Report
 - a) MCAS scores are out
 - i) Witting with Colors will be implemented more universally and with training and implementation for writing.
 - b) Drama club is resuming this year with 4 teacher volunteers
 - i) This year's play will be Jungle Book
 - c) Visits from Other Schools
 - i) Bagnell Innovation School & Page school were here on Monday
 - ii) Boston Superintendent Tommy Chang will also be visiting LSA in the near future
 - iii) Group from Qatar wants to visit when here in town on a conference
 - d) Professional Development
 - i) LSA had 23 teachers go to a special PD offering from BSRI
 - e) Art teacher doing a new mural
 - f) Voluntary after school roundtable discussions will be starting for interested faculty/staff
 - g) L. Degelmann is Wipro fellow – robotics in the classroom
- 7) Public Comment
 - a) Parent child in Kindergarten
 - i) Comments about after school time with Alphabest
 - ii) Use of screen time and appropriateness of the movie
 - (1) Was told for scary movie child should turn around
 - b) Sarah Boswell
 - i) Can we get robotics teams here at Linden?
 - ii) Idea to have 3-5 grades and 6-8 together
 - c) Rachana Gray
 - i) Women in Technology conference
 - ii) Person from that conference will start club to give experience to girls
 - iii) FUSE – rave reviews from students
 - d) Justin Umlah
 - i) 3-4-5 grade AEAP debating practice
 - ii) Will invite parents to watch
- 8) Adjournment 6:45pm
 - a) Rich motion to adjourn. Rachana second. Motion carries.