[**Governing Board Meeting - June 22, 2015**](http://lsa-gb.weebly.com/gb-blog---announcements-and-archive/governing-board-meeting-june-22-2015)

The LSA Governing Board met in the Linden library at 5:45PM.

Attendees:

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| Sarah Boswell  Richard Bransfield  Diana Buonopane  Kathleen Coye  Laura Degelmann  David DeRuosi  Margherita Federico  Susan Goldstein Fghani | Present  Present  Absent  Present  Present  Absent  Present  Absent | John Froio  Deborah Gesualdo  Marguerite Gonsalves  Rachana Gray  Jocelyn Ken  Alisha King  Judy Leisk | Absent  Absent  Absent  Present  Present  Present  Present | Sonia Miller  Conrad Mitala  Bonnie Page  Elaine Rittershaus  Franklin Shearer  Susan Terban  Leonard Young | Present  Present  Present  Absent  Absent  Present  Present |

**Agenda**  
   
1.   Public Comment/Connections  (**5 min**)

* Eric Hamylak- Described the A-Z program, it’s history and all it’s positives. He questioned the decision process in selecting Alphabest. He had a long list of questions that should have been addressed prior to their selection.The principal explained that it was a decision that was brought from the district level and that the superintendent was involved.
* We now have our own twitter and blog on websit

2. Vote to approve May Meeting Minutes (**5 min**)

* Correction: Judy Leisk was mistaken listed as absent. She was present

**Motion to Approve the minutes with the correct:** Sonia Miller

**Seconded:** Sarah Boswell  
3. Old Business (**45 min**)

1. Afterschool Program
   * Questions came from the PCSM letter that went out. Pcsm is now part of school department. The Governing board doesn’t have a role in the decision because before and after school programs are provided by the district.
   * PCSM has done a great job for years.
   * Karen Steele stated that the middle school enrollment is down. Funding is based on

MCAs testing. LSA scores are above that funding rate and grant funding is getting tougher to get. The superintendent started looking at outside providers. In case PCSM couldn’t get funding in the future. He met with Alphabest. He had them meet with the Principal. LSA will be pilot for the district.

* + Alphabest said that
    - No parent would have to pay more than what they pay now.
    - Staff would still be able to continuing working at their current pay rate.
    - It is a nationally run program.
    - They can provide foreign language.
    - Funded through the city. 21st century grants will be used.
    - Kids have snack, do homework then go off into the clubs they choose.
    - They are stem related. Everything can be done in a day. They bring in their own materials (Claymation, computers etc)
  + A question was asked: what is the plan for the middle school students? PCSM has been restricted on what they can do due to their grant. Alphabest won’t have the same restrictions and can offer more of what the kids want. If we can offer what they want, then more kids will come.
  + Snacks and space will be the same
  + Early release will be the same
  + Staff will be paid by Alphabest
  + There will be a summer program in this building. It will be offered to kids outside the school and district.
  + There is a revenue sharing potential.
  + PCSM holds a number of family engagement activities. It is unclear whether Alphabest will do the same.
  + There will be some sort of evaluation to ensure they are meeting our needs
  + They are looking for an onsite director
  + Special ed – they will handle it. Staffing will be made as needed. Some kids get paid through the sped department. That will continue.
  + It was brought up that the staff is uptight because there are no specifics and unknowns. The Principal responded that once things are solidified, then staff will be made aware.
  + July 15 date for Alphabest enrollment. PCSM usually does it in august.
  + We are working to have someone here to meet with parents
  + We are the pilot. It may end up going district wide.
  + Communication about this was troublesome to everyone.
  + It was suggested that the Gov. Board write a letter to the district stating we want oversite of the program.

1. Parameters for the make-up and size of sub-committees, potential change to by-laws.
   * Discussion postponed
2. Governing Board Retreat
   * Action Item: Sonia Miller will send out a survey for dates for a summer meeting and retreats etc.
3. Subcommittee Reports (**15 min**)
4. Curriculum & Instruction
   * Science curriculum: We are figuring out where we are to figure out where we are going. Laura Deglemann was chosen as our science ambassador. She took all the info from all the grades and created a spreadsheet and is looking at the new standards which should be voted on this fall. They will go into effect 2016-2017 school year. She will use the results to determine what we need to change.
   * Second grade is in good shape all other grades will have work to do.
   * The subcommittee should work on coming up with a plan to phase in the changes. Move out one topic and move in a new one. Or have every grade work on one topic like physical science etc.
   * Each grade has been asked to come up with their strengths and weaknesses and determine what materials they need. The results will help to see if information and materials could be shared across grades.
   * It was stated that we need Diane Perido to come to the board meeting because we should only focused on grades K-5. Grades 6-7 got realigned with Dian Perido already.
   * It was suggested we leverage the Tufts stomp program which offers 10 weeks of electricity, they came with laptop computers and everything they needed. We may be able to get them to help with the areas we need help.
5. Family & Community Engagement
   * We will have an information table in the school yard on the first day of school. We need help gathering information regarding questions the parents will have. Ie: map of where the grades line up, school calendar etc.
6. Meeting & Operations
   * Questions were brought up if they should follow up on the roof repairs and teacher hours.

5. New Business (**45 min**)

1. Proposal for Sub-Committee Requirement amendment - Teacher Co-Chair Office Hours
   1. Motion to allow Cairn Hill to return to LSA: Judy Lesik  
      Seconded: Sarah Boswell
2. Open GB Teacher Position – table until Sept.
   1. Action Item: Hold special election in Sept.
3. Revisit Subcommittees - Makeup of committees; New committees, merging of existing committees
   1. Items for retreat
      1. How do we vote
      2. What is our focus for the year
   2. Jadeane Sica she would love to stay on as a community member. Creating a fundraising subcommittee would allow her to continue what she does for the school.
   3. A suggestion was made to reach out to parents to create a volunteer position for each grade. On back to school night we can have letter asking for parents volunteers
4. Laura’s proposal – improve communication.
   1. Teacher co-chair – should have official office hours for staff to go to before and after meetings.  
      Motion to have the co-chari have office hours: Judy Leisk  
      Seconded: Richard Bransfield

6. Principal’s Report (**15 min**)

* We need to take time to celebrate the great work that we have done.
  + A tremendous amount of work went into exhibition night and it was a great success
  + Kindergarten student stand up in front of other students and made presentations
* Our great partnership with tufts will be back with 5 more interns and Stomp is coming back
* Alissa Melto will be back with and engineering piece
* The board needs to not be afraid take a stand and vote you conscience

7. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn – Sonia Miller

Seconded: Laura Degelmann