Linden Steam Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Linden STEAM Academy Library

September, 22 2016

**Call-to-Order: 5:56pm**

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| Boswell, Sarah (parent) | present |
| Bransfield, Richard (principal) | absent |
| Marino, Scott (teacher) | present |
| Coye, Kathleen (teacher) | present |
| Grandson, Charles (superintendent) | absent |
| Deronnette, Filaine (parent) | absent |
| Federico, Margherita (parent) | (Skype for vote) |
| Froio, John (school committee) | absent |
| Francescone, Dan (teacher) | absent |
| Gray, Rachana (parent) | present |
| Miller, Sonia (teacher) | absent |
| Page, Bonnie (MEA representative) | present |
| Rittershaus, Elaine (teacher) | present (late) |
| Shuman-Caudill, Christine (parent) | present |
| Terban, Susan (teacher) | present |
| Walsh, Callie (teacher) | absent |
| Young, Leonard (community member) | absent |

1. Public Comment

1. None

2. Vote to approve minutes

1. Bonnie makes a motion to accept the minutes with edits. Seconded by Elaine. Motion passes.

3. Old Business

1. District Audit
   1. Seems to have gone fine – we don't get feedback at this time.
2. School Library Volunteers
   1. Rachana speaking on behalf of Tara Beardsly
   2. 11/18/16 starting training and CORI
   3. Anyone who comes to volunteer – part of setup
   4. Really need organizing for teachers to checkout
   5. Issue is that no time for kids to come use library in schedule – Principal say not able to be open in school day
   6. Possible that could have people come in when have projects that they want to research and teachers can sign up to come down.
   7. Library not available T/R - PTO using – volunteers can still work / organize
   8. We are Innovation! - we could decide to incorporate library in time
   9. WILL NOT change school schedule
   10. Parent volunteers can also organize carts for teachers who request certain subject matter.
3. Invitation to school committee for Jan 2017 GB meeting
   1. Discuss to move to Feb 2017
   2. Operations will meet to discuss plan and get back to GB

4. Subcommittee reports

1. Operations
   1. Did not meet this month
   2. Protected recess
      1. Incidents of whole class losing recess for one persons issues.
      2. Kathy will send an e-mail to address this
      3. NEED to do in ½ day PD
   3. Testing
      1. 5DP testing issue
         1. Did the test for 2-8
         2. Most of school not teaching in the order that 5DP curriculum in therefore test not that useful
         3. Opinion is bad test – many errors in math section
      2. If we want to not do 5DP then need another math test
      3. Issue with MCAS is that you don't get the results till November of the next year so you don't have results in time to help kids
      4. We have good tests for literacy but we need one for Math
      5. ANet is what we should be using
         1. Everyone agree good for math was really great and want to bring that back
      6. Scott Motion to eliminate the 5DP assessments for Linden Steam Academy. Kathy second.
      7. Discussion
      8. Sarah amend the Motion that we will find, or create an alternative math assessment.
      9. Motion passes
      10. Susan will look into ANet pricing and Operations committee will look in implementing
2. Curriculum and Instruction
   1. Susan will look at ANet pricing
   2. Bonnie report on Early childhood taskforce (citywide)
      1. Have revamped Pre-K to K report cards
      2. Will now be working on 1-2
3. Family and Community Engagement  
   a. Alumni Dinner Updates
   1. Next meeting Dec 1st Stearns and Hills in Melrose
   2. Dinner April 1st
   3. Should be at "The Moose" - Rich will be booking
      1. DJ booked
   4. Raffle Tickets $100, which includes dinner for 2; $25 for plate
   5. Scott Suggest $140
   6. Will also have basket of raffles
   7. Money will go into district account
      1. Be careful on the accounting
      2. Scott (treasurer) - should also be signatory for account
      3. Scott and Rachana can open account with city tax ID
   8. Scott research 501c3
   9. Will create Alumni network

b. Sponsor wall updates

* 1. Is making a flyer
  2. Then will mail out / go in person
  3. Could go to chamber commerce meeting in person to ask

5. New Business

1. For the reading meetings are not canceled for attendance issues
2. More Math in STEAM
   1. Will discuss next meeting

6. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Susan 7:20. Seconded by Bonnie. Motion passess

ACTION ITEMS

Susan go back to Rich to say we can have library open during day for.

Susan look at ANet cost

Rachana – update bylaws for bank account – Parent co-chair

Scott and Rachana will open bank account for funds

Sarah – basket or ticket from Boda Borg?