Linden Steam Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Linden STEAM Academy Library

November 23, 2015

**Call-to-Order: 5:48pm**

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| Boswell, Sarah (parent) | Present |
| Bransfield, Richard (principal) | Absent |
| Marino, Scott (teacher) | Present |
| Coye, Kathleen (teacher) | Present |
| DeRuosi, David (superintendent) | Absent |
| Goldstein-Fghani, Susan (parent) | Present |
| Federico, Margherita (parent) | Absent |
| Froio, John (school committee) | Present |
| Gray, Rachana (parent) | Present |
| Leisk, Judy (teacher) | Present |
| Miller, Sonia (teacher) | Present |
| Mitala, Conrad (parent) | Present |
| Page, Bonnie (MEA representative) | Present |
| Rittershaus, Elaine (teacher) | Present |
| Terban, Susan (teacher) | Present |
| Walsh, Callie | Present |
| Young, Leonard (community member) | Present |

**Action Items**  
    
1.   Public Comment:

1. Rachana – High school history teacher raved about her daughter's writing skills. Teacher said all best writers at Malden high come from LSA. Thoughts seconded by Lenny.
2. Sarah – Report of lots of kids sitting in hallway, though kids seem OK with it. Response is that it is normal across all schools. Good use of space and kids fine with it.

2. Vote to approve minutes:

1. Motion made by Elaine to approve October Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Bonnie. Motion Carried.

3. Old Business:

1. Student Council report – none.
2. Side letter for teacher start time – not covered in operations meeting.
3. Non-Profit status update – waiting on number – no report.

4. Subcommittee reports

1. Management and Operations
   1. Went over Innovation plan through pg 7
      1. Go over edits in plan
      2. Edit all numbers and programs to reflect actual
      3. Compile quotes from teachers
   2. Plan was for Rich will send out to share/edit - get to put in google doc.
      1. Sonia idea – use Slack to edit document – explain it is like google doc with extra stuff.
      2. We need to pick something and get to work on the document. Sonia/Rich will figure out which to use.
2. Curriculum and Instruction
   1. Did not meet – moving toward report card change
   2. Want parent input
   3. Callie – could each team meet and edit/discuss appropriate format.
3. Family and Community Engagement
   1. Lots of people couldn't make meeting
   2. Looked at Innovation plan

5. New Business

1. Judy – Donor's Choose report
   1. Gangemi – Time for kids for whole class
   2. Kiernan/Craven – 4 Chrome Books
   3. Sonia – 12 Chrome Books
   4. Perkins – fund 2 projects
   5. Gesualdo– computer and guitar
   6. Advertise/Send out more info/Marketing
   7. Bonnie says to go to school committee and show positive things.
2. Kathleen – Elliott School Innovation Visit
   1. Monday Dec 7th visit.
   2. Teacher going is based on coverage. Sign up on list.
   3. What to look for? Ask staff what they would look for. What could you strengthen in different way or area could make better.
      1. Ideas – Ask for report card. How to "look" more innovate. What does their autonomy look like? How do their teachers have input? What was changeover process like / how is it different? Could have sit down interview with staff? How deal with young boys and movement.
3. How has alphabest doing?
   1. Seems to have taken a long time to startup
   2. Kids happy and having more free time
   3. Older kids – not really have a separate curriculum.
      1. curriculum not appropriate for 5-8
      2. PCSM had to set up all own curriculum, but was paid for.
      3. What doing to attract older kids?
   4. Formal Review of AlphaBest?
      1. Sarah will contact
4. Co-teaching plan for large classes.
   1. Plan to start in Jan 1st. 19.5 hours certified teachers. 2 per school?
   2. Part time for ELA and Math.
   3. Can we try to get ahead of this for next year?

6. Review Innovation Plan

1. Everyone review for next meeting. Particularly Mission Statement and Vision.

7. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn made by Sonia and seconded by Judy.
2. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm