Linden Steam Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Linden STEAM Academy Library

December 15, 2016

**Call-to-Order: 5:50pm**

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

1. Public Comment

Discussion on letter written by Sarah Boswell.

2. Vote to approve minutes

1. Tabled for next meeting.

3. Old Business

1. School Library Volunteers
   1. Parent Volunteers have started volunteer hours.
   2. Being received well.
   3. Library still being utilized by classrooms however now there will be some order
2. Invitation to school committee for Jan 2017 GB meeting
   1. Rich suggests the Governing Board attend the January 9th school committee meeting in which LSA will present.
   2. Presentation will include performance by School Choir, Video Presentation, and Engineering presentation.
   3. Possibly add to LSA GB presentation to the school committee February 9th meeting agenda to discuss aspects of our Innovation School

4. Subcommittee reports

1. Operations
   * Did not meet this month
   * Testing
     1. 5DP testing issue
        1. 5DP
        2. Not doing what was originally supposed to

-create cohesion amongst surrounding districts – Chelsea using different components altogether

* + 1. If we want to not do 5DP then need another math test otherwise we have to use it.
    2. We have good tests for literacy but we need one for Math
    3. Suggestion to utilize early release days for teachers to work on alternatives.
    4. Kathleen will send email communication prior to next early release day for teachers to develop attainable goals toward a curriculum for LSA.

1. Curriculum and Instruction
   * Susan will look at ANet pricing
   * Bonnie report on Early childhood taskforce (citywide)
     1. Have revamped Pre-K to K report cards
     2. Started working on the report cards for Grades 1-2
2. Family and Community Engagement  
   a. Alumni Dinner Updates
   * Met on 12/1.
   * Rachana still working on the business banner. Used for fundraising purposes and can be displayed both indoor and outdoor. Has already outreached to a number of businesses.
   * Rich will help figure out appropriate sizing for the banners to be added in the business solicitation letter.
   * Rich will look into the Moose and get back to Rachana on the dates.
   * Discussion and suggestion to implement a price lower than $100 in order to reach maximum numbers.
   * Currently three business have offered to provide baskets to be auctioned at event.
   * Money will go into district account
     1. Goal is to raise $10,000 but less than that still would be a success.
     2. Having a successful event with a working list of 50 alumni’s who we can build a network for future fundraisers.

5. New Business

6. Principals Report

Walkthrough of Linden STEAM Academy

* Has happened all over district and LSA had our walkthrough 12/14.
* Participants included Mayor, MVCC Principal, and various other education leaders.
* Classes were great and staff did a great job
* Data bank was a highlight of the viewing. Collection of assessment data from the last 2-3 years that can be used to track was a high point.
* Great way to share best practices amongst fellow schools. Similar to the current class visits between the different grades . Building great relationships between teachers and students.

7. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Bonnie 7:28PM. Seconded by Rich.. Motion passess

ACTION ITEMS

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