Linden Steam Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Linden STEAM Academy Library

August 24, 2015

**Call-to-Order: 5:45pm**

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| Boswell, Sarah (parent) | Present |
| Bransfield, Richard (principal) | Present |
| Buonopane, Diana (teacher) | Absent |
| Coye, Kathleen (teacher) | Present |
| DeRuosi, David (superintendent) | Absent |
| Goldstein-Fghani, Susan (parent) | Present |
| Federico, Margherita (parent) | Present |
| 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) | Absent |
| Terban, Susan (teacher) | Present |
| Walsh, Callie | Present |
| Young, Leonard (community member) | Absent |

**Action Items**  
    
1.   Public Comment

1. No comments from the public.

2. Election of officers

1. Ballots distributed to governing board members for vote
2. Ballots collected, counted, and election certified by MEA Vice President, Deborah Gesualdo
3. Outcome of election will be announced at the next meeting

3. Grading Policy

1. Motion to change the current grading policy to a 50-100 scale for SY 15-16 made by Judy Leisk and seconded by John Froio.
2. Discussion occurred.
3. Motion carried.

4. Subcomittees

1. Motiona to for the LSA Governing Board to keep the same committees as last year made by Rachana Gray and seconded by Judy Leisk.
2. Discussion occurred.
3. Motion carried.

5. PTO

1. Governing Board will work on a plan to try and have one parent representative per grade join and become an active member of the LSA PTO
2. Continued discussion on including the topic of the PTO into the family and community engagement committee
3. Representative from Governing Board will reach out to PTO president to discuss plans to increase parent engagement in the PTO

6. Sub-Committees

1. Motion to include non-board members—parents and/or teachers—as members of LSA Governing Board sub-committees made by Rachana Gray and seconded by Rich Bransfield.
2. Discussion occurred.
3. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn made by Sonia Miller and seconded by Rachana Gray.
2. Motion carried.
3. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm