**Attendance:** Franklin Shearer, Jocelyn Ken, Linda Patrie, Nicholas Cattogio, Alisha King, Rachana Gray, Deborah Gesualdo, Leonard Young, Ann Schiro, Susan Terban, Laura Degelmann, Kathy Cutting, Diana Buonopane, Dave DeRuosi, Rich Bransfield, John Froio

**Call-to-Order:** 7:05am

1. Public comment
   1. None at this time
2. Connections
   1. None at this time
3. Acceptance of minutes from 11/13/13
   1. Motion to accept minutes, motion seconded. Discussion.
   2. Delete “whole district is made up of METCO students”
   3. Minutes accepted with corrections
4. Principal’s report
   1. Met with Diane Perrito to talk about need for K-5 science/tech curriculum
   2. Looking into Project Lead the Way
   3. Possibility of $86,000 grant through PLtW

pre-dominantly engineering

money would be used for hardware upgrades

PLtW STEM program for grades 7/8 only

* 1. Has spoken with Tufts and MTI to further develop partnerships and bring graduate students in

there are currently several graduate school student teachers in the building from Tufts (in grade 2 (Poverman and Weldai), 6 (Hansen) , and 8 (Bryant))

* 1. Looking at testing for accelerated program

testing would occur for students currently in the accelerated program and for students applying to enter the program

1. Old business
   1. Cairn Hill

program would begin in March

approximately 2 days per week from 2:30-approximately 4:30

approximately 18 students

targets ELL students

* 1. Science curriculum

Concerns exist in regard to when state standards will be completed and be made public

Will a science curriculum be chosen, purchased, and implemented for the 14/15 school year?

Diane Perrito will be invited to the next governing board meeting to be part of the conversation in regard to the ongoing need for science curriculum at the K-5 level

The state is leaning toward STEM standards and the rollout of the standards I likely to be substantially delayed

* 1. PCSM

Current enrollment at Linden is approximately 150-160 students in grades K-8

A sub-committee will be formed to discuss increasing student engagement, alignment to the school’s theme, involvement/enrollment, cost, etc.

The sub-committee will make recommendations to the board

An e-mail will be sent to the governing board, Karen Steele, and to the faculty/staff at Linden to seek participants for the sub-committee

1. District Capacity Project

Nick Cattogio and Kathleen Coye will be on the agenda for the January meeting to discuss a future faculty meeting to be held at Linden to work with teachers on the core values that have been established

1. Meeting schedules
   1. Next meeting will be an evening meeting

there is a need for meetings longer than 1 hour to accomplish more during meeting times

in the future a set day each month can be decided on and the meeting will be held on the same evening monthly

* 1. January’s meeting will be held on 1/9/14 from 6:00-8:00 in the Linden library

**Adjournment:** 8:00