

Lunenburg PTO October 16, 2017 meeting minutes

In Attendance: Luke Skelly, Loxi Jo Calmes, Karen Chow, Heather LeClair, Mari Braithwaite, Kerri Speck, Sherry Nolan, Melody Hendry, Carrie Millier, Meredith Weiss, Sarah Call, Kristen Thompson, Tiffaney Tavares, Andrea Moore, Vianne Brown, Sara Coronella, Lisa Harrison, Corinne Jones, Alix Lind, Allison Melvin

I. Superintendent Calmes update:

Enrollment:

- a) As of 10/1/17 the total number of students attending Lunenburg Public Schools is 1,641 students. This is 64 more students than documented 10/1/15 and 27 students additional than 10/1/16.
- b) More students are able to stay in district with the additional services added in the past two years. Such as behavioral specialists, and more guidance counselors adding support within the district.
- c) Over the past couple years a sixth teacher has been added into larger sized grades which in turn reduce the classroom size.

Overview of Strategic Plan:

Goal 1, social and emotional development. Grades k-8 has been implementing the RULER program. And grades 9-12 will continue with advisory groups.

Goal 2, civic learning and engagement. Some LHS classes have added a community service component. LMS students can use their 'Genius Hour' project to create service projects or aid.

Goal 3-5 curriculum. Within these three goals the focus is on heightening curriculum standards with new programs and refreshers. New textbook purchases have been made where needed. A large goal is to make the computer science tech programs more current.

Goal 6, learning enhancements. The schools are continuing to offer in school and at home computer programs such as Lexia reading program, Everyday math, and TenMarks.

Goal 7, enrichment. Encouragement to explore passions outside of the classroom is important. Athletics and other clubs are offered at most grade levels. Such as music, art, STEM, student government etc.

Goal 8, communication. School to home communication is important. The district is always trying better their system. Currently LHS is looking to consolidate information being sent home, hoping to lessen the amount of times information is being sent.

Additional Information:

- *Lifelong learning community program is always looking for new ideas and new instructors.
- *Spring 2017 MCAS results will be sent home later this month. Along with it will be an explanatory letter to the parents. The new assessment has been revamped along with the scoring system. Therefore past results may be quite different and not an accurate comparison.
- *Workshop meetings to review 2018-2019 school calendar choices will begin.

II. School Updates:

MILES FOR MYLES BUILDING CHALLENGE WINNER IS TURKEY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!!

LPS: *Scholastic book fair went well *Square 1 Art order forms go home this week *Tiffaney Tavares was elected as the newest member of the School Advisory Council *Girl Scout information session on 10/30 at the Public Library *BoxTop coordinator needed *Spring Scholastic book fair coordinator needed.

THES: *Penny wars raised approximately \$6,600!!!

LMS: * Spirit Wear fundraiser has begun, should be open online in the near future *Science Olympiad club has been an exciting addition.

LHS:*Homecoming week was as exciting as it was busy... parade (senior float won), dances, football game *Concussion screening took place for those interested *first term ends 11/1/17

School & Community Updates:

BGCL:

- *Shrieks and Krieks Haunted House 10/28 5:30-9
- *Barnes and Nobel 11/17
- *Rockin Auction 11/18 - 7-11pm Leominster Eagles
- *Open on Half Days 11/1 and 11/22, serving lunch

School:

10/24 OPIOD forum

Lions Club:

- *11/17 - Meat Bingo

*11/30 - Xmas Tree lighting at Gazebo

*Lions looking for donations of Trail Size items (toilettes) and eye glasses/readers (Haiti)

Fundraising Updates:

*Barnes and Noble fundraiser 11/16. Volunteer Spot to go out.

*Winter movie theatre fundraiser TBD (idea Strand theatre)

*Promote Amazon Smiles program

Publicity Update:

*Upcoming events will be pushed on social media along with being posted on the website

*Miles for Myles blurb to be sent into the Ledger for this week or next weeks paper

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 13TH