

Lunenburg PTO Meeting minutes

November, 14, 2016

In Attendance: Jessica Frank, Corinne Jones, Alix Lind, Meredith Weiss, Lisa Stone, Sherry Nolan, Ami Powers, Allison Melvin

I. Principal Updates:

LMS:

- a) Principal Santry reported that they are past the first quarter and happy to report the transition went great. He and Principal Spadafino had been orchestrating this move for the past couple years and very pleased all went well.
- b) A main focus of this school year is technology in the classroom. Principal Santry encourages his teachers to use all the technology available to them at the school in the classroom. During the first professional development day this year trainers from a tech company came to demonstrate how all the equipment worked. And then came back for a follow up after teachers had a chance to try it out in the classroom!
- c) A personal goal of Principal Santry is to improve his communication with parents and the community. He has started sending out a weekly email.
- d) Big thank you for support with Penny Wars. The students at the pep rally were really enthusiastic, and the money raised will help fund an in school field trip from the Museum of Science.
- e) School Advisory Committee has met once already and will meet again in December.
- f) Student Government is open to grades 6, 7, and 8. They plan school dances, SPIRIT week, and coordinated the time capsule which will be put in the ground this week.
- g) Peer tutoring is held on Tuesdays after school. LHS members of NHS offer tutoring to any LMS students in the Library.
- h) Honor roll breakfast will be held in early December. Honor roll is recognized for students in grades 7 & 8 for the first two quarters then recognized for all three grades in quarters three and four.
- i) LHS AND LMS are going paperless for progress reports and report cards.

THES:

- a) Principal Champagne reported that the first quarter went well. Grades 3 & 4 are very happy in their new home. And grade 5 is adjusting to being in an Elementary School verses the Middle School they had be part of the past couple years.
- b) Parent-teacher conferences are completed. There is discussion on having student led conferences in the future. This will give the children a chance to be part of it and hopefully will encourage more parents to partake in the opportunity to meet with teachers.

- c) In the area of math; 4th grade is using the SPIRAL program, and 5th grade teachers are learning about it to bring aboard next year.
- d) THES is focusing on providing a safe social and emotional school.
- e) 11/23/16 the Lions Club will have a dedication ceremony for the playground; later in the day will be the Turkey Trot to support the food pantry.
- f) 5th Grade Cross Country coached by James Ryan went to a State Meet. THES girls took 1st place, where THES boys took 3rd place!!!
- g) In January afterschool programs similar to the ones at LPS will be offered.
- h) After-school care for THES students is held at THES. It has been nice not to have children bussed. They use the Health room and have access to the gym and playground.
- i) Museum of Science will come in the spring for an in-school field trip.
- j) 1st term was parent-teacher conferences, where 2nd term will be paper report cards.

LPS:

- a) Principal Blaisdel reported that LPS teachers have been learning more about the RULER approach. They have been working on it during their professional development days. It will be 3-5 years before the whole program is fully implemented.
- b) Parents have received access information to the computer program "Everyday Math", children can access this program from home.
- c) School Advisory has met twice so far. LPS is excited to have extra space this year, especially a music room.
- d) The Veteran's Day assembly was very moving. Mrs. Swinson did an amazing job having all the children ready with their wonderful songs. 15 veterans attended, and 2nd grade made a beautiful flag for the occasion.
- e) After-school activities have begun.
- f) Food drive is underway; the Giving Tree will begin 12/1/16.
- g) The money won from the MFM building challenge will go towards TIGER who is coming on 12/7/16.

LHS:

- a) Principal Spadafino reported that Paul Richard from the SHINE initiative will be coming to LHS in December. There will be a presentation for the students and also one for the parents. It is open to all parents, being informed of emotional health is important at all ages.
- b) 1st term has ended, all fall sports are wrapping up with their dinners and banquets. NHS induction was 11/15/16. It was a homework and work free Veterans Day long weekend. Principal Spadafino feels it is very important for students and teachers to have time to decompress, as term 2 will be more intense.

- c) Technology is a big initiative, the Chrome books have been working out well. During a Professional development day an administrator from Google Aps came to expose teachers on ways to extend the Chrome book use via aps. There have been no Wi-Fi issues within the new schools.
- d) Homecoming went great! The student parking lot will be completed soon and seniors (and possibly some juniors) will be able to park there.
- e) A Physics class has made catapults and will be doing a pumpkin chucking class! Powder Puff Football games were held. Staff vs. Student council and Junior girls vs. Senior girls.
- f) 11/23/16 6pm football game in Quabbin.
- g) When questions about LMHS arise on social medial Principal Spadafino asks that people are directed to the staff at LMHS.

II. Jessica Fran made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 10/17/16 & 11/1/16 meeting's; Corinne Jones seconded it. All in attendance approved.

III.

- a) It was discussed to gift \$8,000 to each school. It was brought up as an idea that within that sum \$5,000 will be given to each principal to decide how it is spent and \$3,000 will be available to teachers. The teacher's would need to explain how the money would be used and the PTO would decide who the recipient(s) would be.
- b) Jessica Frank made a motion to approve the sum of \$8,000 to be gifted to each of the four schools in the Lunenburg school district. Corinne Jones seconded the motion. All in attendance approved.

IV. Fundraising

- a) Barnes and Noble fundraiser will be held on 12/8/16 at 5pm.
- b) Corinne Jones will set up the volunteer spot for the readers.

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2016

