

Lincoln Sudbury Parent Organization Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2022

The meeting commenced at 7:07 pm with the following people in attendance at LSRHS Conference Room A:

Solange Lavanchy, Tarek Sharif, Brenda Hart, Brian Cain, Mo Carty, Deanna Clarence, Cindy Simon, Hope White, Emily Amico, Roz Gasbor Nasdor and Jeanette Tsai. On Zoom were: Susan Wolpe, Angela Zapata and Ronnie Schejtman.

Welcome:

Solange and Tarek began the meeting by welcoming new committee chairs and members. The welcome was followed by a discussion describing how the Co-chairs envision the 2022-2023 LSPO meetings being conducted. The primary focus is on generating new ideas from all participants and a collaborative effort incorporating suggestions that help accomplish the primary objective of the LSPO.

Mission Statement:

The LSPO is dedicate to facilitating engagement and communication between families and the school, as well as partering with faculty and administration to support undefunded staff needs, student activities and efforts thtat encourage school spirit.

Treasurers Report:

Mo Carty provided a review of the LSPO treasury for the previous school year (actuals), as well as a projection for 2022-2023. See attached report.

Committee Reports:

The following committees were highlighted and asked to report on their functions, accomplishments and plans for future activities:

LSRHS Directory:

Susan Wolpe, Deanna Clarence and Abby Tottenham returned with their expertise to oversee the 2022-2023 database updates, production, sales and distribution of the directories.

This committee will focus on refining the purchase and distribution processes going forward. The Directory project represents the most significant fundraiser of the LSPO and allows for the funding of many grants and activities.

Communications Committee:

Amy Fedyk and Jeannette Tsai return with their talent and creativity to enhance the communication channels for parents and guardians through the LSPO Website, Facebook Group and extremely popular weekly Newsletter. Deb Cooly joins their committee this year along with Leslie Cope and Abby Tottenham.

Welcome Committee: (New)

Cindy Simon was introduced as the 1st charter member of the newly established Welcome Committee. The goal of this committee is to create an opportunity for new students and families to feel assisted in the overwhelming experience of entering a new school. Whether as the incoming Freshman Class or transfers from another school or even commuting from another city, it is essential that all members of the LS community feel welcome. Cindy envisions using other school activities, such as plays or musical performance as a way to introduce new families to LS in an enjoyable environment.

Staff and Student Appreciation:

Julie Gibowicz, Jenn Rossi and Heidi Thoren were introduced to lead hospitality events with Roz Gasbor Nasdor joining Ronnie Schejtman in the Stressbuster activities.

The Hospitality Committee has already provided much appreciated meals for the teachers on site for Back to School Night and were in discussion about plans to recognize the Custodial Staff who do so much behind the scenes to support all school functions.

Discussions are also underway to expand upon the Stressbusters events beyond Midterm assessments and Finals. The therapy pets prove to be very popular with staff and students and additional use of massage chairs is being considered. Every effort is being made to recognize and improve upon the mental health and wellbeing of the LS student and staff population.

Community Ties:

Hope White (Lincoln), Candace Frederick (Boston) and Angela Zapata (Sudbury) were introduced as the committee leaders of Community Ties, formally Friends of Boston. The focus of this group will be to enhance engagement with families who may have to travel to participate in school activities. Ideas include creating a Podcast or Zoom events and planning activities closer to Boston such as Bingos and Coffee Socials.

Late Night at LS:

Mo Carty, Eliza Minsch and Aurie Chidziva were introduced as the Planning committee for our 2023 graduate celebration. It is an amazing event and will require many volunteers. Please contact the committee at latenite.lsrhs@gmail.com if you wish to volunteer or know someone who can.

Class Steering Committees:

With Faculty and LSPO Parent Advisors, each of the Class Steering Committees anticipate a fun and active 2022-2023 school year. Whether for Operation Graduation, LS Football Concession or the Freshman Fall Fling, preparations are already underway for a Spirited and engaged Class experience. Each Class also maintains a dedicated page that list all activities in progress on the main LSRHS website.

[Anyone interested in participating on one \(or more\) of the LSPO sponsored committees is encourage to contact any committee member or one of the LSO Executive Board Members.](#)

Co-Chair's Report:

Solange and Tarek concluded the meeting with a report on the many exciting projects they envision for the coming year. These include collaboration with the Associate Principles who sponsor Class events, resuming the Guest Speaker Series, overseeing the Funding Requests and responding to the Suggestion Box and FAQ's.

Of particular interest to the Co-chairs is the Community Ties initiative engaging in ongoing meeting with new Committee Chairs, as well faculty sponsors Sarah Greeley and David Bloom. The LSPO is committed to understanding when and how we can be supportive and most helpful to all of the important Committee activities.

The meeting concluded at 9pm with a motion from Tarek Sharif that was supported by Brenda Hart.

The next LSPO meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Thursday December 15th and will be conducted at LSRHS in Conference Room A.

We hope to see you there or on Zoom.

Minutes submitted for consensus approval by Brenda Hart,
LSPO Secretary, 2021-2023.