

# Lincoln Sudbury Parent Organization Meeting Minutes December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Mission Statement:

The LSPO is dedicated to facilitating engagement and communication between families and the school, as well as partnering with faculty and administration to support underfunded staff needs, student activities and efforts that encourage school spirit.

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

Solange Lavanchy, Tarek Sharif, Brian Cain, Deanna Clarence, Cindy Simon, and Roz Gasbor Nasdor. On Zoom were: Brenda Hart, Angela Zapata, Hope White, Emily Amico, Deborah Cooley, Laura Koller and Mo Carty.

## Welcome:

Solange and Tarek began the meeting by welcoming new committee member Lauren Kennedy who joins the Stressbusters Team, now known as The Zen Zone.

## Treasurers Report:

Mo Carty provided a copy of the updated LSPO treasury report reflecting the \$3.5k spend for the 1st semester grant funding.

## Committee Reports:

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

## LSRHS Directory:

Deanna Clarence confirms committee will focus on distribution processes going forward. The Directory project represents the most significant fundraiser of the LSPO and raised \$9,733 to start the new school year. This allows for the funding of many grants for supplies, equipment and activities.

Efforts are underway to recognize those families who made generous contributions to the directory initiative but all contributions are greatly appreciated.

#### Communications Committee:

Deb Cooley reported on plans to migrate to Google Workspace for documents generated by committee members. Future plans may include accounts per committee and/or users.

#### Welcome Committee:

Cindy Simon discussed the challenges of getting multiple levels of approval for LSPO “Welcoming” events that coincide with other activities. For example, a welcome social was planned to piggy back on the LS Players production of “Seussical”. However, coordination and approval of other organizations requires sufficient lead time that is not always possible. Future activities in discussion, like a Spring breakfast for the incoming Class of 2027, offers far greater lead time.

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.

#### Staff and Student Appreciation:

The Hospitality Committee has already hosted the much appreciated meals for the teachers on site for Back to School Night and are 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 regarding plans to thank the Nursing staff for the dedication that they have shown throughout the toughest months of the Covid pandemic.

Fun plans are currently underway to expand upon the activities formerly known as “Stressbusters” during Midterm assessments. The therapy pets return and have proven to be very popular with staff and students. In addition, the use of massage chairs and many games will transform the cafeteria into the “Zen Zone”. 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) created a Holiday communication to help foster new relationships and social gatherings. Damen Kelton, METCO Director, was tapped for assistance in distribution.

### Late Night at LS:

Mo Carty, Eliza Minsch and Aurie Chidziva have begun the planning process with a November 28th conference with early volunteers. Fundraising will be a top priority with the event budget expected to be 15k. Direct appeals to parents and the community along with local businesses help to ensure that the proper funds are available for an exciting culmination to graduation night.

Please contact the committee at [latenite.lsrhs@gmail.com](mailto: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 have activities underway. The

- Class of 2026 Fall Fling and Christmas Tree Pick-up Fundraiser
- Class of 2025 Cookie Decorations
- Class of 2024
- Class of 2023 Promoting Senior Talent Show in March

While the LSPO contributes to Class activities, the Steering Committees are sponsored by LS staff and parent volunteers. Deanna offered to organize a joint LSPO/Steering Committee discussion to review which activities the LSPO could assist with. 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 an update on the many important projects they are discussing with various teachers and administrators.

- The Fall funding requests concluded with financial assistance given to all 8 requestors. 6 projects were fully funded with 2 receiving partial funding. Projects ranged from contributions to the music program at the LS Academy to support for the Speech and Debate club. 2nd semester requests will be reviewed and voted on by late February to early March.
- The Co-chairs are also assisting with the “Connections” initiative organized by faculty sponsors Sarah Greeley and David Bloom. A discussion is underway to host a panel discussion with parents about the trials and tribulations of the High School years.
- Solange and Tarek look forward to a meeting with Superintendent Bella Wong to review the many programs that LS offers to assist students socially, emotionally and academically.
- The LSPO has committed to assisting with the Reality for Life event scheduled in March by providing food and snacks for volunteer.

The LSPO Executive Board and Committee members are committed to understanding when and how we can assist and support the LS teachers and administration.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm with a motion from Deanna Clarence that was supported by Tarek Sharif.

The next LSPO meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday February 8, 2023 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.