

Lincoln Sudbury Parent Organization Meeting Minutes February 8th, 2023

Mission Statement:

The LSPO is dedicate 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 7:05 pm with the following people in attendance at LSRHS Conference Room A: Solange Lavanchy, Tarek Sharif, Cindy Simon, Roz Garbose Nasdor. Hope White, Susan Wolpe and Emily Amico.
On Zoom were: Brenda Hart, Jeanette Tsai and Mo Carty.

Treasurers Report:

Mo Carty reported very little activity in the budget since our December 15th, 2022 meeting when the available cash was \$54,424.70. However, 2nd quarter grant requests are currently under review and will be decided upon by the end of March. Of 10 approved requests from the 1st Quarter grants, only 2 have been submitted for reimbursement.

LN@LS Update:

Mo reported that the Direct Appeal had raised 86% of goal with additional funds anticipated from ticket sales and Local Business donations/fundraisers. Please contact the committee at latenite.lsrhs@gmail.com if you wish to volunteer or know someone who can.

Committee Reports:

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

Staff and Student Appreciation:

Roz reported on the success and positive feedback from the Midterm Assessment “Zen Zone” stress reduction activities. Compliments were many from students and staff alike. Ideas for future enhancements include:

- Plan for two consecutive days vs. weekend in between
- Reserve therapy pets sooner with more time slots if possible
- Add monetary donation option

- Request food donations earlier in the planning process
- Discuss scheduling pets more x’s per year
- Consider “Zen Zone” activities for finals
- Consider opportunities to include LS Academy if possible

Hospitality is planning a “Sweet and Savory” treat event for Teachers and Staff from 12pm – 2pm on Wednesday February 15th.

Welcome and Recruiting:

Cindy discussed plans to contact new LS families who checked “interested in volunteering” when purchasing LS Directories at the beginning of the year. This should be a great pool to work from to fill positions on committees and generate new ideas and talent.

On Thursday March 9th, the LSPO will provide information at the 8th Grade Parent and Guardian’s Night at LS. This event is a great opportunity to begin the contact information collection for the Fall Directory.

LSRHS Directory:

Discussions are underway about a “cover art contest” for next years directory.

Conversations continue about ways to recognize those families who made generous contributions to the directory initiative, but all contributions are greatly appreciated.

Communications Committee:

Deb, Jeanette and Amy continue to enhance the LSPO Website and plans to migrate to Google Workspace for documents generated by committee members. An Instagram account is also under consideration. Efforts continue to keep the LSPO FB page populated with current parents by using a self-deletion process after students graduate.

Community Ties:

Hospitality (Angela Zapata) is organizing the breakfast and lunch meals for the volunteers of this year's Reality for Life event scheduled for Friday March 17th. The request for LSPO assistance came from the Teacher organizers, Kate Thompson and Kate Grant. Most of the volunteers who man the booths are members of the community who have ties in various professions represented at the Fair.

Class Steering Committees:

With Faculty and LSPO Parent Advisors, each of the Class Steering Committees have activities underway:

- Class of 2026 January Christmas Tree Pick-up w/Girls Basketball Team
Class of 2026 Student designed Tee-shirts underway
- Class of 2023 Senior Talent Show in March 24th

While the LSPO contributes to Class activities, the Steering Committees are sponsored by LS staff and parent volunteers. 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 LSPO 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 2nd Semester funding requests are underway with 1 time sensitive grant already approved for the Armenian Genocide Project. Others include the Computer Science Expo and a request from the Students Against Animal Cruelty. Each will be reviewed and voted on by mid-March.

The Co-chairs also assisted with the “Connections” initiative organized by faculty sponsors Sarah Greeley and David Bloom. A panel discussion on “How to Survive the High School Years” took place on Thursday February 2nd.

Solange and Tarek appreciated an informative meeting with Superintendent Bella Wong to review the many programs that LS offers to assist students socially, emotionally and academically. Highlights included:

- ⇒ LS Academy
- ⇒ Partnering with SEPAC
- ⇒ Staff support and Recognition
- ⇒ The Global Scholar Program
- ⇒ Science Expo; Innovation Hub (developing entrepreneurial skills)
- ⇒ Recognition of RN Staff (LSPO Spotlight Article?)
- ⇒ Recognition of Custodial and Grounds Crew (Gift Cards?)

Discussions about synergies will continue.

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 Tarek Sharif, that was supported by Hope White (2nd).

The final LSPO meeting of the 2022-2023 school year is scheduled for 7pm on Thursday May 18th, 2023. More info to follow. We hope to see you there.

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