



Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2017

Attendees:

Tracy Arsenault, Linda Colby, Kristy Delage, Lynette Gabrila, Tina Gillaspie, Jennifer Leahy, Joyce Nelson, Kathy Nichols

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Tracy Arsenault.

Old Business

Meeting Minutes - Linda Colby read the minutes from the last two meetings (January and March). Lynette Gabrila moved to accept the minutes as read; Jennifer Leahy seconded the motion; the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Principal's Update

1. The principal thanked everyone for coming.
2. MCAS - LMS is well into MCAS testing. The 6th and 7th grades have already taken the ELA tests. Makeups are scheduled for next week. The 8th grade will begin ELA testing during the week of April 10. Math testing will take place in May.
3. The 8th graders are currently in Washington D.C. Luggage was dropped off on Sunday, which made the Monday morning departure very orderly.
4. Future Search - The Future Search meeting will take place on Saturday, April 8. At this meeting community members will look at the results of a survey (thought exchange) that many people took earlier this year. The results will be used to make a plan for the future of the school district. Joyce Nelson will report to FLMS about this at the next meeting.
5. School Visits - The principal and others went to visit some schools to get an idea of what a new school might look like. They visited Holbrook, a K to 12 school, Sutton Jr/Sr High School, Lunenburg, a 6 to 12 school, and Auburn Middle School. She was impressed by all the schools that were visited. Some interesting details observed through the visits were; Auburn Middle School; the space was well-utilized. Auburn has the ability to block off the gym so that the community can access it without getting into the rest of the building. Restrooms are available from the fields outside. Sutton uses the same cafeteria and library for the entire school. The superintendent came and talked to LMS staff and

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explained the options for potential school configuration in the future: Grades 6 to 12 or 7 to 12 or high school, middle school, elementary school. Whatever the configuration is, Joyce stated that parents can rest assured that student safety will be considered first.

6. Washington D.C. Trip - Joyce Nelson talked to Christine Fadden this week about FLMS funding an unexpected shortfall from the Washington D.C. trip.
7. Pride Day - LMS Pride Day will be May 13.

Chair's Report

Tracy Arsenault reminded everyone to vote at the upcoming annual town meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer handed out a copy of the current Treasurer's Report. Tina Gillaspie moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Kristy Delage seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Washington DC trip
 - This year the cost of fleece jackets and t-shirts was inadvertently left out of the budget. As a result, the trip generated a shortfall. Most of the shortage has already been covered by the Mother's Club and the Peer Leadership Group. With approximately \$1,000 left to be covered, the principal asked FLMS to fund the remainder of the shortfall. Kristy Delage moved to fund the shortfall in the amount of \$1,000. Linda Colby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The fee to use the online payment system is somewhat high. ACH transactions are less costly than using a credit card. Parents need to know this.
 - The online payment system is not very user friendly, resulting in some parents overpaying. We need to come up with a better way for parents to be able to keep track of their payments and balances.
 - This year the school awarded \$4,300 in scholarships to students in need, much more than usual. Next year's requests may be greater due to the large number of students in the current 7th grade. With that in mind, FLMS would like to start next year with a sizeable account balance in order to help offset costs for families in need.

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2. Teachers Luncheon - The luncheon is scheduled for Friday, May 5. FLMS offered to sponsor the annual teachers' luncheon in the amount of \$200. This will include Subway sandwiches, chips, water, etc. FLMS members will be asked to bake desserts for this event. Lynette Gabriela moved to fund the luncheon in the amount of \$200. Kristy Delage seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Year-end Fundraiser
 - FLMS will sponsor a Pajama Party/Movie night on Friday June 2 from 6:00 to 8:30 in the LMS gym. The entrance fee is \$5 per person. FLMS will sell popcorn, drinks, etc.
 - Students will be asked to vote on one movie out of three choices.
 - Linda Colby will create a to-do list and ask for volunteers.
 - Joyce Nelson will see if anyone in town has a popcorn machine or if another group can purchase one.
4. Communiten Box Top Collections - Linda Colby, CommuniTeen advisor, asked the group to get the word out that we are pushing to get as many box tops as possible. Schools can earn up to \$20,000 per year, so it is worth it to advertise in as many places as possible.
5. Invitation to invite new parents to the June meeting, including 5th grade parents - Joyce will send an email to Tina Boss so that she can insert it into one of her parent emails.
6. LMS Pride Day (grounds cleanup) - Pride Day is scheduled for May 13. FLMS was asked to provide funds to cover the cost of volunteer lunches, flower urns, flowers, etc. FLMS will be planting flowers in the urns. Linda Colby moved to fund Pride Day in the amount of \$300. Jennifer Leahy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Questions/Comments/Suggestions

1. FLMS elections will take place at the June meeting.
2. Improvements for next year will be discussed at the May meeting.
3. Should the 7th grade go to NYC instead of the Museum of Science in Boston?

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 10th from 6:00 to 7:15 PM in the LMS library.

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Adjournment:

- Linda Colby moved to adjourn the meeting. Tina Gillaspie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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