

Parent Advisory Group

April 11, 2019

8:00-9:00am

Community Room

Focus Points

1. *Welcome & Introductions- in attendance:
Administrators: Gretchen, Ted, Jen T, Amy
Parent: Christine Carey*
2. *CEO Search Update- meeting of the search committee coming up later in the month. Will have an update at the next PAG meeting. Still on target to have a new head of school by July 1st, 2020*
3. *LPS Marketing Initiative & PowerPoint-consider adding math disability to diagnosis page and to "Challenges and Approaches" page as an additional example in order to highlight that math disabilities are address at LPS*
4. *Greenhouse/Horticulture Program: Rededication- Bella and Val have done a tremendous job of revitalizing the horticulture program. The greenhouse is full of plants for sale. Pam's art classes have been designing drawings to share in the local community. Rededication ceremonies will be on May 10th and May 11th. Information will be available in upcoming newsletters and communications.*
5. *Health & Wellness Center Update- Anonymous donors have funded the complete renovation of the Fitness room, located in the HS building. By opening in August, it will be completed including new equipment and will become an integral part of our health and wellness programming.*
6. *State House Presentations- Jake O'Neil, class of 2019, presented at two different events at the State House in the past few weeks. His speech was from the heart and he loves sharing his experience at LPS and how he believes it has made a tremendous impact on his educational journey. For those of us who had the opportunity to see him speak, we could not have been prouder!*

Suggestion that we get parents to call/ contact their reps in regarding to the SPED circuit breaker that is coming up as well as in regard to other issues that involve special ed. Parents can sign- up with MAAPS and they will get emails that get automatically generated. Super easy!

7. *College Acceptances- About 50% of our students attend college and we are on track with that for the class of 2019. Acceptances include Bridgewater State, Framingham State, Beacon, Mass Bay, Middlesex Community College, to name a few.*

8. *Other Items*

- *Can the minutes be posted for those who cannot attend? Yes....they will be from now on*
- *Can the days/times be rotated so that we may get more parents in attendance? Moving forward into next year, we try different days of the week as well as times during the day to attract more participation from parents. Ex. 1:30 meeting before parent pick-up*
- *Star 360- Like MCAS, can the teachers access the specific areas that the students are missing questions? In ELA they can, we will double check for Math but all staff were trained on how to see data, what data they can see, etc.*
- *Star 360- teachers didn't have the option of taking the test so they don't know the questions the students are being asked. We will look into this as a possibility.*
- *Star 360- Will we be sharing the results with the districts. Yes, at some point but not yet as we are piloting the program*

Next PAG meeting will be in the Fall.