

*Parent Advisory Group*

*February 14, 2019*

*LPS members: Ted Sharp, Gretchen Petersen, Amy Davis, Jen Thorell, Debby Worcester*

*Parents: Christine Carey*

*Zandra Zuraw*

### *Welcome and Introduction*

*Having 'meet and eats' with Attorneys, Advocates, Neuropsychologist, and Districts*

*'Who we are' presentation*

*Question from parent: Any responses from invites?*

*Answer: Yes, but not many attorneys.*

### *CEO Search*

*Carney Sandoe is doing the search*

*Peter Philip and Beth Dietz leading the search*

*One of 3 largest search companies located in Boston*

*Came to LPS and completed a profile of School in January*

*Conducted interviews with staff and students*

*Really captured LPS*

*Will send out and advertise the position*

*When they get appropriate applicants they will screen and send to*

*Search Committee*

*As early as April may start to see applicants*

*Looking for someone who would be committed to us*

*Target date is early July, 2020 to have new Executive Director begin*

*Will share specific information as it comes*

*Question from parent: How much does Carney Sandoe charge?*

*Answer: \$50,000-\$75,000*

### *Star Assessment*

*Was postponed due to weather*

*Question: How long is the test?*

*Answer: 20 – 40 minutes - extended time*

*Question: Will parents get results?*

*Answer: Yes*

*Comment from Ted:*

*Used it at other private school before and went well*

*The test adjusts as students take it*

*Rachel Silva, Reading Specialist, researched the assessment Star 360*

*Pilot for this year and next year for longitudinal data*

## *MCAS*

*2019 is computer based*

*Students have participated in practice tests and tutorials*

*There is a learning curve*

*Science test still paper based*

*We do anticipate a difference in scores*

*Question: Will the scores go down?*

*Answer: We are not sure, possibly. Most students are comfortable with computers and most have typing as an accommodation previously.*

## *Financial Fair*

*Game of Life for students*

*Question: Just Juniors and Seniors?*

*Answer: Yes*

*Great opportunity for the students*

*Students pick a career and go to booths that simulate life:*

*Housing, transportation, banks*

*Price Waterhouse Coopers, Village Bank, and Parent volunteers*

*Provided volunteers*

*Related well to students*

*Assisted students at booths*

## *Curriculum Review & Development Update*

*Staff making good progress*

*ELA/Lit & Math department have two years to complete*

*Creating template for structure*

*Staff spent full Professional Days and Early Release days working on curriculum*

*Hard work, but worth the effort*

*Value of the work is being embraced by all staff*

*Comment:*

*This will help with curriculum night presentations.*

*This is not to tell them how to teach but to give core content, essential skills of class.*

### *Summer Program*

#### *Schedule change*

*4 days to 5 days a week*

*4 weeks to 3 weeks total*

#### *Focus:*

*Prevent academic regression*

*SPL and O.T.*

*Field Trips and fun activities*

*Sari Star will be the Supervisor of the EMS Summer Program*

*Michelle Cuddy Supervisor of the HS Summer Program*

#### *Reasoning for change:*

*More attractive to staff and parents*

*Less time used of the summer*

*Parents are able to put their child in other programs*

### *Alumni Executive Committee and Events*

*Alex Magay Development Department has organized an Alumni Association*

*The Committee is made up of alumni students the oldest graduated 1992 and*

*most are more recent graduates*

*Had an event at Dave and Busters, well attended*

*Is growing exponentially*

*Looking at having 3 – 5 events a year*

*Summer barbeque, which was popular and alumni parents invited*

### *Panther Den*

*Is a lounge for Juniors and Seniors*

*Located on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of High School*

*Underwritten by trustees*

*Great boost for our students*

### *Personnel Appointments*

*Tim Butler – replaced Joe Newton (1/2 Food Service and ½ Maintenance)*

*Crystal Scott – transitioned to Day Care out of Food Service*

*Michael Shammas – replaced Crystal Scott in Food Service*

*Megan Kelly O.T. – on maternity leave – Michael LoPilato is stepping in*

*Katelyn Scorzella Counselor – on maternity leave – Katie Conroy stepping in*

*Lisa Renielt – replaced Theresa Hopp Lit/LA teacher in High School*

*Cheryl Chase – replaced Karen Makanui in the Library*

*Laura Carney – Transition Services Supervisor – has been with LPS for 15 years has great*

*Leadership skills to bring to the department*

## *Other Items*

### *Traveling team sports*

*LPS has tried to organize a traveling team with other 766 schools*

*We had 5 schools interested and one dropped out*

*Locating a facility and field outside has become difficult*

*Used Mt Ida once and they have been sold*

*It is an ongoing issue that is still being explored*

### *Afterschool program*

*Has been changed due to Aly Humphreys trying to accommodate needs  
and interests*

*Program is narrowed by age groups*

*Hard to find instructors*

*Hard to find coaches*

### *Greenhouse*

*Will put in Newsletter the hours and days open and what are selling*

*Ad in Newton Tab to be added*

*Street signage to promote*

*Not a fundraising department*

*More learning about business and learning to grow plants*

*Also, farm to table*

### *Signage*

*Receiving new signage for the buildings*

*Update and replace old (due to old and weather issues)*