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MINUTES OF THE LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 28, 2019
Roslindale Community Center
6 Cummins Highway Roslindale Square, Roslindale, MA 02131

OPEN SESSION

Present: Tara Mitchell, Trintje Gnazzo, Adam Hogue, Susan Taylor, Laurel Wironen (Hanscom Educational Liaison), Simone Johnson (METCO Representative). Also Present: Becky McFall (Superintendent), Jessica Rose (Assistant Superintendent), Buckner Creel (Administrator for Business and Finance), Mary Emmons (Administrator for Student Services), Robert Ford (Director of Technology), Lateefah Franck (METCO Director)

Absent: Peter Borden (Vice Chairperson)

1. Greetings and Call to Order

Ms. Mitchell called the open session to order at 6:40 pm.

2. Chairperson's and Members' Reports

Ms. Mitchell thanked Ms. Franck, Dr. McFall, Dr. Rose, and Mr. Ford for arranging the meeting in Boston and coordinating the presentations. She also thanked the Boston parents and caregivers for coming to the session.

Ms. Gnazzo reported that the 4th Graders in Lincoln had their Nikki & Guy performance and that it was a highlight of their year.

Ms. Mitchell officially welcomed Adam Hogue, Trintje Gnazzo and Susan Talyor to the School Committee. These three were elected in the Town Election on Monday, March 25th.

3. Public Comments

Ms. Franck announced the METCO End of Year Celebration will be at Bemis Hall on June 8th at 6pm. They need more volunteers to make this event a success. Anyone interested should get in touch with Ms. Franck.

4. Consent Agenda

None

5. Time Scheduled Appointments

5.1 Boston/Lincoln Community Forum

Dr. McFall welcomed participants and set the expectations and agenda for the evening.

Pilar Doughty (METCO Coordinating Committee) gave a brief history of the focus of MCC over the years. She stated that currently the focus has shifted to fundraising to support Summer Camp opportunities and full inclusion in afterschool activities. Ms. Doughty stated that there are 40 kids interested in summer camp this year

and that they have already raised \$17,000 which will cover all the expenses for this year and the extra will go towards their goal of having one year of expenses in reserve.

The MCC mission is in alignment with the PTO mission and they will work together to coordinate events and ensure everyone can participate. MCC and PTO will have one nominating committee working on getting volunteers for various roles. The PTO will look to have one or two open sessions in Boston next year to make it easier for Boston families to participate. PTO will do more active training for their positions by ensuring that inclusion of Boston students are part of the planning process.

Amanda Fargo (PTO Chair) stated that they are struggling with getting volunteers and they really want all families involved. They are actively recruiting Boston families for PTO roles.

Ms. Doughty announced the MCC and First Parish Church Outreach Committee are hosting a Celebration on May 11th at 5pm. Milly Arbaje-Thomas the METCO CEO will be the guest speaker.

Dr. McFall made opening comments regarding the Profile of a Learner presentation. She shared with the group how the district has an Educational Vision which helps set Strategic Priorities and that the Profile of a Learner will also help provide a roadmap for the district.

She asked the group to think about *What should the purpose of school be? What outcomes do we want for our students? And, What is the Purpose of Education?*

Dr. Rose presented some information on the future and asked: *What are the positives of technology, what worries you about the future, and how can we equip our children to meet the challenges of the future?* She gave the group six provocations and asked them to stand on a continuum based on how they felt about the statements. This exercise showed a wide range of feelings towards education priorities.

Dr. Rose then shared some visions other schools have had for their portrait of a learner and asked for everyone in the room to create their own vision using the blank paper and markers at the tables. She asked to collect them so that she can tally the words/images used the most to know what themes have come about through all the various sessions they will be conducting with all stakeholders.

Audience members applauded the presentation some stating that they had not thought about this before and are really thankful that the district had started the conversation. *"This has been incredible."*

Dr. McFall thanked everyone for participating and encouraged them to continue the dialogue and encourage others to attend the future sessions.

9.1 Warrant Approval

Mr. Creel presented the payroll warrant totaling \$1,538,248.79 and the accounts payable warrant totaling \$787,197.17 for a total of \$2,325,444.96. Mr. Hogue reviewed the warrants and recommended that they be approved. Mr. Hogue moved, and Ms. Taylor seconded, the motion to approve the warrants as presented.

There being no further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

All other agenda items were postponed until the next SC meeting scheduled for April 11, 2019.

14. Ms. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Gnazzo seconded. There being no further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:08pm.

The next School Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Hartwell Multipurpose Room, Hartwell Building, Ballfield Road, Lincoln, MA.

Respectfully Submitted
Tara Mitchell, School Committee Chaireperson