

## School Committee Summer Working Sessions 2021 Recap

### **JUNE 22: 1<sup>st</sup> SC Workshop**

**Purpose:** Gather member feedback through a self-evaluation, reaffirm the role of the School Committee and discuss how the committee could work better together.

**Outcomes:**

Ideas for Improving Meetings:

- Move meetings to start at 6pm. Executive Session starts at 5:30pm.
- Rearrange agenda to have most important discussion topics earlier in the agenda and more “reporting out” later in the meeting – streamline process
- If something is in the packet, no need for a long presentation
- Encourage videos from the principals for Principal Updates or even Strategic Objectives – send ahead of time if possible
- Spread working sessions throughout the year
- Desire to schedule opportunities for education and discussion
- Remember that SC meetings are business meetings that are held in public vs. meetings for the public. This will be a balance for our small community, not wanting to make more work for the Admin Team, but also don’t want the meetings to go longer than they have to.
- Create meeting minutes on Google Drive and have people edit with Track Changes before the meeting, then just approve in the meeting
- Create a broader Consent Agenda to save time: Look into including minutes and warrant report
- Retiree Recognition – perhaps put it in a separate session

Items Also Discussed:

- What do families want to hear from us? How do they want us to communicate?
  - How many currently “tune in” to the cable networks or livestream?
  - How many watch the recording after the fact?
- SC needs input into the Strategic plan before the Strategic Planning Session – need to hold a working session to determine SC Views
- Could Admin create videos or hold webinars for meetings that are informational?
- Can we create a ‘Second Table’ made up of students, teachers, Hanscom, Boston, etc.
- The committee discussed the need to build community by visiting various community organization meetings including the MCC, PTOs, Boston Parent Coordinating Committee, etc. Create a schedule and ask SC members to select several meetings to attend to hear what the groups’ priorities are and what they are working on regarding AIDE.

### **JULY 13: 2<sup>nd</sup> SC Workshop**

**Purpose:** Ensure the Lincoln School Committee is focused on meaningful and impactful work, now and throughout the year.

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### **Process/Outcomes:**

1. Reviewed Handout: LAAG Equity Audit Recommendations
2. Reviewed Strategic Priorities 2020-2021
3. Reviewed Handout: WIDE Initiative and CARAT Training Sessions Overview
4. Discussed Top Goals for 2021/2022
  - Mission Statement
  - Policy
  - Self PD on AIDE
  - Streamline Communications and Meetings

### **AUGUST 26: Working Session:**

**Purpose:** Determine how the recommendations from prior Working Sessions can be incorporated into our meeting schedule.

### **Outcomes:**

#### Long Term Agenda Items:

- Deeper Learning (can we join in the PD that is scheduled for the district?)
- Kaleidoscope
- Budget
  - General thoughts on the 2 budgets (Lincoln/Hanscom)
  - Special Education Costs
  - School Enrollment Trends
- New Member Orientation Meeting in March/April (right after election)
- Technology Learning and Engineering
- Mid-Year Check in with the committee (working session)
- IDEA Group updates
- Re-Entry Update
- AIDE Reports/Updates

**\*\*Suggestion:** Read the complete minutes for each session at the end of this packet to get a better sense of the conversations and outcomes/next steps.