

LPS: School Committee Strategic Objectives and Priorities 2018-2019

Evolve and Activate the Strategic Plan

In partnership with the Administration, ensure that the Strategic Plan is a) sound, b) in line with community needs and expectations, c) in line with State and Federal Regulations, d) in line with best practices - and that its activation is supported through our budget and policy decisions.

Strategic Priorities	Activities	Outputs and Measures (Outcomes)	Status	Who is Responsible	Timeframe
A1: Establish and communicate the links between the District Strategic Plan and the work of the School Committee.	Get input from Harvard Focus Group regarding Communications	Use feedback to influence our communication efforts.	Still Outstanding	Tim talk to Jess	Fall 2018
	Draft communication tools to present to the larger committee	Pre-meeting emails to alert community what is on the agenda and if there are specific portions of the meeting they might be interested in. Create special invites for "SC Forums".		Tim	3 Days prior to each SC Meeting
		Post-meeting emails that capture one component of the meeting and develop the idea further as a way of engaging the school community.			Within 3 days after each SC Meeting
		Resource bulletin containing flow diagram of Strategic Plan, or who is who, SC Goals and progress towards those goals, etc. Create hard copy for mailing and email/website links.	Draft under construction Review by committee in early fall	Tara/Whole Team	October 2018
A2: Build a shared understanding of the meaning of innovation in education and assess the community's willingness to support the philosophy, budget and physical structures needed to effect the desired innovation.	Explore possibilities for this district. Discuss with Admin Team before teachers and the larger community. Possible use of "HUNT" protocol.		Schedule time with Admin Team	Tim/Peter	
	Determine what type of innovation we would like to learn more about. Assign various innovative concepts for SC members to research and share at a SC Forum Session.	??Google Template created to track innovative concepts and assign to members of the SC to research. Create briefing sheets or a science share bulletin board to share information at upcoming SC Discussion Session. (what it is, who does it currently, pros, cons, how would we get there, what changes would be necessary, etc.)	Peter created Google Template, need to determine which approaches we would want to explore	Peter	
	Hold discussion to determine why innovation is necessary or desirable. What do we value in innovation? What does success in this area of innovation mean?				
	Determine what is getting in the way of innovation? What is needed for success and to do innovation to scale?				
	Determine community appetite for innovation - what type and how much?	Run follow-up Innovation Session as a SC Forum.	Add to SC Forum Topics for 2018/2019?	Tim/Peter	

Budget & Policy

Budget: The budget is built to reflect and support the District Strategic Plan and to responsibly manage Town resources.
Policy: School Committee policies provide a legal and philosophical framework for the operation of the Lincoln Public Schools.

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B1: Create a schedule of policies to be updated and reaffirm or revise at least 20% every year.	Update spreadsheet of policies with last revised dates and create list of oldest policies to review.	Spreadsheet was updated and placed on GoogleDrive. List was created with 28 policies for review this year.	Spreadsheet continues to be updated as policies are reviewed.	Tara/SC	Each Meeting
	Continually place 2-4 policies for review at most SC meetings throughout the year.	Policies are continuing to be reviewed with first read, second read and vote.		Tim/Tara	Each Meeting

Communications

SC Strategic Priority Map 2018 - 2019

Communication between the School Committee, families, and the broader community results in public participation, support of, and confidence in the Lincoln Public Schools.

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C1: Operationalize an intake and communication process to capture, track, and address community questions, issues, and ideas; effectively inform the community of important events, considerations, achievements and activities.	Create a regular review process for the Google Spreadsheet used to track issues and ideas raised from the community.	Begin to use spreadsheet and reference it as input for discussions.	Spreadsheet created, just need to create a process to ensure we consistently go back to use the spreadsheet in preparation for meetings.	Peter/Tara	
	Use Harvard WPL feedback to create a Communication Plan for how/when to communicate to the school community.	Emails, Mini-Link submissions, etc. to communicate Forum Topics as well as critical decisions made during meetings.			
	Determine if communications can directly link to a specific part of the SC Meeting video. Learn how to do it so that communications can be more tailored to the audience.	If possible, include direct links to parts of the SC meetings that are highlighted in the communications from the SC.			
	Discuss the creation of SC "office hours" and if appropriate, schedule them on a rotating basis and determine what would get reported back to the full committee.	If deemed helpful, hold "office hours" to meet with community members.			
C2: Engage the community in discussions about how a new school building in Lincoln can create opportunities for enhancement of the educational program.	Communicate the process for public comments. Ensure all communications are welcoming of feedback and input.	Ensure SC Website is clear on how to participate. Create notecard or table tent sign that explains the process for public comments. Place on table with handouts before each meeting.	Not started		
		Pre-meeting emails to alert community what is on the agenda and if there are specific portions of the meeting they might be interested in. Include process for making public comments. Create special invites for "SC Forums".	Continuous Process	Tim	3 Days prior to each SC Meeting
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Administration

The Committee is responsible for the public oversight of the District, the hiring and evaluation of the Superintendent, and for contract negotiations with all relevant bargaining units.

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D1: Negotiate a successor agreement with the Secretarial Union.	Agree on budget/funds available prior to contract negotiations.			Becky/Buck	
	Create a list of desired changes/updates to the current contract.			Buck	
	Create a schedule of meetings.			Tim/Buck	
	Participate in negotiation meetings to come to agreement.	Signed Contract with the Secretaries.			