

Lyons Township High School Community Advisory Council

7:00 p.m. – May 19, 2010
Meeting and End of Year Dinner

MINUTES

Documents sent earlier:

1. Agenda for the May 19, 2010 L.T.C.A.C. meeting
2. Consensus of Table Discussions from the April 21, 2010 L.T.C.A.C. meeting
3. LT Community Advisory Council Faculty/Staff & Community Member Application
4. LT Community Advisory Council Membership Commitment Form.

Documents distributed at the meeting:

1. Tentative Meeting Dates 2010 - 2011

I. Business Meeting: Joan Rykal (7:30 p.m.)

A. Call to Order and announcements

1. Minutes had several errors. After changes on page two – upcoming events. Motion to pass as amended was accepted and passed. Secretary to publish new minutes.
2. Reminder to turn in Commitment form for next year, tonight. Make sure the forms for next year are turned in before the meeting is over. We need to know who will be returning.

B. Committee Reports – None

C. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Timothy Kilrea

1. I attended the student Improv Show during school. Great show.
2. The board has hired 11 for 15 positions with 4 – 5 to fill yet. Hopefully before the June meeting.
3. There has been a spike in Math and science departments.
4. World Language positions are also being filled.
5. Report – We will again be doing delayed starts. The bus company is now on board and will run an hour later next year. Wednesdays will be the day for the delayed start. Students who do come early will be able to use the Discovery Center and the Library. There will be 15 'Late Start Days.'
6. The Board authorized Decision Ed to design to get data reports and dashboards into the hands of all stakeholders at LT for the 2010 – 2011 school years. This will help LT's PLCs provide data needed to better inform teachers about their students so that they can alter their teaching so more students learn more.
7. The current Student Information System search, CIMS, is outdated. Three vendors have made presentations of their systems. The staff and Tech. Dept. will evaluate each system with a recommendation brought to the June Board meeting.

8. The School Board apologizes for the resurfacing project that has started on Willow Springs Road before graduation. We had asked for a delay, but the FEDS said, “NO!”
9. June 6th is graduation. There will be 980 graduates this year. We promise will last only an hour!
10. Volunteers: Hearts for Haiti – reached and surpassed their goal. Collected \$95,000.
11. Upcoming Events
 - a. Soph. Honors Assembly SC May 20th.
 - b. Senior Honors Assembly NC May 28th.
 - c. Prom –Post Prom June 3rd.
 - d. Graduation June 6th. 980 graduates. Promises to last 1 hour.
 - e. Relay for Life - Bennett Field June 12.
 - f. Summer School begins – June 14.

D. L.T.C.A.C. Recognition

Our current board recognized all the members who were retiring from the board. Special Awards were given to Marilyn Kosin and Ernie Froemel.

E. Board of Education Report

Board President Mark Pera introduced Board member Heather Alderman who attended for this evening’s dinner meeting.

Mr. Pera gave his perspective and comments regarding the L.T.H.S. family.

- The children come first. This continues to this day and always will.
- Our Superintendent, Dr. Tim Kilrea, has done an excellent job this past year. With that comment, everyone in attendance applauded Dr.Kilrea and the comment.
- What kids are learning...now 25% were not achieving reading standards. New change, be optimistic. This will be a big difference in learning. There will be a development of more students will learn more vision.
- Facilities – New boiler on South Campus
- Finances – SOLID. In the Lyons Township District, we have spent wisely while keeping an eye on the bottom line.
- We have great community involvement. L.T.C.A.C. is one example.
- Technology is improving. This will bring better success.
- A new Student Information System with a better Parent portal.
- Many unique learning opportunities in our district for both students and adult learners.

F. Open Forum with questions and answers for the Board President and Superintendent Kilrea

There was a question about making the school wireless. Mr. Pera stated that there were no plans right now. The Board has too many questions of how to fund it, use and who will have access to it.

Comment from the crowd about the use of laptops by faculty and students. Why is it prohibited for the students since they can get onto wireless that way? One reason we cannot control what the students download while on a wireless system. Still a lot of discussion on that.

Marilyn Kosin brought up Level Discussions. It was acknowledge that G.P.A. is a sensitive topic with a lot of parents and students.

Mr. Pera advised teachers are being encouraged especially in the upcoming year to show how to move upward or downward and to make it happen.

At one point, a question was thrown out as to why these levels exist. Policy was the reason given and the Board will be discussing changes to this policy.

Todd Combs feels the feeder schools are not aligned to what L.T.H.S. is requiring and teaching. What is being done? Are the feeder schools being advised what is needed for L.T.?

Dr. Kilrea advised there are separate school boards. L.T. is trying to get everyone on board to what is needed.

Regarding Funding under the Title 1 Funds and Accountability Act:

Dr. Kilrea advised that loopholes in the act are very tight. We went under \$200,000 after the Title 1 audit.

There are specific targeted kids per the grant. We need to demonstrate to the FEEDS who is getting Title 1.

From the State of Illinois and federal government we rely on about 7% in funding.

Ending information. Our next scheduled meeting will be October 20 at 6:30 p.m. for new members and 7 p.m. for the council. Location is NC room 140. The 6:30 time is an orientation for the new members.

Tentative meeting dates for the 2010 – 2011 year:

Wednesday October 20

Wednesday December 15

Wednesday February 16, 2011

Wednesday April 13, 2011 (2nd Wednesday)

Wednesday May 18, 2011 Dinner/Meeting - usually held in the NC Faculty Cafeteria.

The dinner meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

