

**Lyons Township High School
Community Advisory Council**

7:00 p.m. – December 15, 2010

MINUTES

Documents sent earlier:

1. Agenda for the December 15, 2010, LTHSCAC meeting
2. Consensus of Table Discussions from the October 20, 2010 LTHSCAC meeting
3. Revised Minutes from the October 20, 2010 LTHSCAC meeting
4. L.T.C.A.C. Roster 2010 - 2011

Documents distributed at the meeting:

1. Small Group Discussion questions.
2. Presentation of Indicators of the Financial Health of L.T.H.S.
3. Increases in Cook County Residential Property Tax Bills due to Tax Burden shift from Businesses to Residential.

I. Business Meeting: Todd Combs (7:03 p.m.)

A. Call to Order and announcements

1. Dr. Kilrea will represent the Board of Education this evening. Dr. Polacek is ill this evening.
2. Motion to accept the revised minutes of the October 20th meeting. Accepted and passed.

B. Committee Reports – None

C. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Timothy Kilrea

1. Academic scores this year have been the highest ever.
2. Parent-Teacher Conferences were very successful this year with participation up by 7%.
3. The Vita Plena award was presented to Music Teacher and Fine Arts Assistant Chair Mark Dahl.
4. 120 Senior Citizens attended the Thanksgiving Luncheon. They listened to music and heard a presentation on Honor Flights to Washington D.C.
5. The Honor Flights for the WW II veterans will cost \$50,000. The student council is continuing to work to support the effort. In addition, some seniors attending the luncheon pitched in for the costs.
6. The girls' volleyball team had a winning season this year and won the State Championship. They were recognized by the Board of Education with a resolution of congratulations.
7. The Secret Santa program sponsored 120 area children.
8. Holiday Concerts put on by our students showed off their excellent talents.
9. There was a practice hard lock down drill the week of December 6th.

10. If an Emergency Closing were to occur, the procedures would go through the Associate Principals. A decision would be made by 5:10 a.m. It will always be posted on the website by 5:15 a.m. The website is www.lths.net
11. Next year will start the new calendar. Feedback from the students was overwhelming in favor of the new calendar. Associate schools are also behind the new calendar. However some will not follow it except the vacation days.
12. Veterans Day Assembly was very moving. The Vets came in. Overall we did a nice job. Next year we will tweak some parts of the assembly.
13. Next year school will be held on Veterans Day, November 11th.
14. Renowned author and speaker on bullying, Barbara Coloroso, will return for two days on January 24th and 25th. In the morning of the 24th she will meet with the staff. At 7 p.m. will be a Community Forum in the Reber Center. On the 25th she will be at South Campus in the morning and the North Campus in the afternoon.
15. Upcoming Events –
 - a. Final Exams January 12 – 14, 2011
 - b. January 15, 2011 Relay for Life Garage Sale
 - c. January 20 – 22 “Grapes of Wrath”
 - d. January 29 – “Pack the Place”

II. Discussion of Member’s Concerns and Issues

Todd Combs wanted to know if the Late Arrival was working well with the school busses. It was brought up that the 1st shuttle route is constantly. Supt. Will look into the problem and discuss it with the bus company. There was a question about late arrival and an early dismissal at 2:59 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m. Regular dismissal time at 3:00 p.m.

Concern about why fewer students are taking the ACT. It was learned that many Midwest and East coast schools are not requiring ACT for entry. Becoming a national trend.

III. Financial Health of the District

David Sellers, Director of Business Services gave a power point presentation and passed around handouts. He gave a powerful presentation about the Districts financial picture and that of the State.

IV. Small Group Discussions

A handout for table discussion was passed around. It asked about the consensus of the members based on the presentations. Members were questioned about possible areas or improvements of the financial picture. Vulnerabilities of our financial strength were queried.

V. Adjournment (As small group discussions ended)

Meeting was adjourned as the group discussion papers were turned in. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.