

**Lincoln School Site Council**  
**November 18, 2011**

**Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Ed Keenan, Jean O'Neil, Kristin Haggerty, Cynthia Santosuosso, Brent Conway, Gretchen Sinnett, Linda Apple, Claudine Lesk, Kathleen McGourthy, Mike Oginski

Agenda:

- 1) New members
- 2) Recap of International Welcoming Reception
- 3) SIP for 11-12 with updated data changes
- 4) Initial discussion of some focus areas for 2012-2013 SIP
- 5) Selection of Parents expressing interest in participating in the Superintendent Search Committee
  1. Members introduce themselves, including Claudine Lesk (new member-elected for two years), Linda Apple (re-elected for second term)
  2. Mr. Conway recommends to change the order of the agenda to move Agenda Item 5 (Selection of Parents expressing interest in participating in the Superintendent Search Committee) to Agenda Item 2.

Committee agrees unanimously to change order of agenda.

Mr. Conway describes process of forming superintendent search committee, focusing on the parents. The search committee will have three parents on it. The search committee has asked that each School Site Council recommend two parents from each school who are interested in participating on the search committee. There could potentially be sixteen parents who are interested in serving on the search committee, but only three will be chosen. Two parents from Lincoln submitted letters of interest. Kimberly LaFontana, a parent of a kindergartener, who is involved in the Melrose Public Schools, has submitted a letter of interest. Jessica Dugan also submitted a letter, a parent of a second grader and a preschooler at the Franklin EEC. Mr. Conway asks members to read letters of interest. Mr. Conway explains that we do not have to recommend both parents, but he recommends that we do. Linda Apple speaks on behalf of Jessica Dugan and her qualifications of being involved in the search process. Mr. Conway comments on the commitment of both parents to the Melrose Public Schools. Mr. Conway asks for a motion to submit both candidates. Kathleen McGourthy makes a motion to submit both names for the search committee. Linda Apple seconds the motion. Both members, Jessica Dugan and Kimberly LaFontana are unanimously voted to have their letters sent to the Search Committee.

3. International Welcoming Reception:

Au pairs attended with no connection to MPS. One is from Venezuela, one is from Mexico. Publicity of the event is clearly working positively if people without connections to MPS are attending. 18 different languages spoken in home of languages of Lincoln students. City has received a grant to have a city-wide International Day at Memorial Hall, as an expansion of the celebrations at Lincoln and Hoover Schools.

4. Changes to be made to SIP 2011-2012:

Goals have been adjusted based on 2011 data. Goal has stayed the same, data has changed. Mr. Conway included goals for AYP and goals based on the DESE proposal for NCLB waiver. This goal would decrease the

percent of students not scoring proficient by 50% over a 6 year span. Mr. Conway did not change the growth scores as the scores were not as high in 2011. Mr. Conway explains the summary that he prepared highlighting the changes. Summary and updated plan will be posted online.

5. Initial discussion areas for SIP 2012-2013

Kathleen McGourthy asks for update on math realignment to the Common Core. Mr. Conway and Ms. Santosuosso discuss progress being made at grade level teams and with math coaches, specifically focused on performance tasks.

Mr. Conway would like to see a goal written about an increased performance on open response scores in ELA and Math and our newly implemented tiered literacy model for in K-2