

**EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**



**District Mission**

"Our mission in the East Longmeadow Public Schools is to promote achievement and accountability in all endeavors as we educate today for the challenges of tomorrow"

**DATE:** June 21, 2022  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Superintendent's Conference Room

Meeting called to Order by: Sarah Truoiolo, Chair  
 Chair stated that this meeting is being both audio and video taped, and asked if anyone else was taping the meeting.

Roll Call: Heather Brown, Director of Curriculum; Pamela Blair, Asst. Superintendent for Business; Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher; William Fonseca; Sarah Truoiolo; Gordon Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Antonella Raschilla; Gregory Thompson; Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary; Samantha Velazquez (incoming Recording Secretary)

**Approval of Minutes**

2.1 Approval of the June 6, 2022 executive session meeting minutes

**William moved to approve the June 6, 2022 executive session meeting minutes, Elizabeth seconded the motion**  
**Chair: Any further discussion, hearing none, all those in favor aye (5), those oppose nay (0), motion carries (5-0)**

2.2 Approval of June 6, 2022 regular session meeting minutes

**Antonella moved to approve the June 6, 2022 regular session meeting minutes, Gregory seconded the motion**  
**Chair: Any further discussion, hearing none, all those in favor aye (5), those oppose nay (0), motion carries (5-0)**

2.3 Approval of June 8, 2022 executive session meeting minutes

**Gregory moved to approve the June 8, 2022 executive session meeting minutes, Elizabeth seconded the motion**  
**Chair: Any further discussion, hearing none, all those in favor aye (3), those oppose nay (0), abstain (2), motion carries (3-0-2)**

**Recognitions of School Committee Chair – Presented by Mr. Smith**

Thank you for getting us through another challenging year. Presented to Sarah Truoiolo, Chair for East Longmeadow School Committee, June 21, 2022.  
 Chair: Thank you, it was pleasure, a team effort.

**Committee/Sub-committee Communications**

**Antonella:** ELEEF is having their Celebrity Bartender Event tonight at Toritos. If anyone would like to go, it's from 5-10 PM.

**Sarah:** I was able to participate in Field Day at MB school, which was a really nice event to see the students being able to come back out and celebrate the end of the year. It was great to see some of the old events come back. Tons of family volunteers which was such a tremendous sight to see. Literally the line wrapped almost the entire parking lot. It was so great to see so many families coming out in support our students. I was also able to go over to MV to see some of their end of year celebrations, including the 5<sup>th</sup> grade step up day (yearbook and shirt signing). The PTO at that school did a wonderful job supporting the 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they transition to Birchland. Wonderful to see all the parent volunteers at MV. Wishing everyone a great summer.

**William:** Staff Recognition a couple of weeks ago, congratulations to all of the recipients. Very well attended event as usual. Great job by all those, including Eliel, presiding for the very last time.

**Elizabeth:** Last week we had our first public get together, to discuss where we are with the building committee. I think it was ok attendance in terms of online.

**Mr. Smith** We had roughly 46-47 online and roughly 30-35 in-person.

**Elizabeth:** Which was good, but I'm hoping to see more. Because it's really important to show we are invested in this.

**Opportunities for visitors to address the Committee:**

**Superintendent's Report:**

5.1.1 ELPS End of Year Presentation was presented by the Leadership Team

SMART Goal 1: Supporting the Whole Child

End of Year Benchmarks:

- 80% or higher of students will respond favorably to questions about their own well-being
- 90% or higher of students will report in end-of-year surveys that their learning community/classrooms is supportive and conducive to learning
- 95% or higher of staff will report in end-of-year surveys that they felt supported
- 80% of staff will report there has been an effective use of collaborative time
- The District Chronic Absenteeism rate will continue to decrease to 3%

District Progress:

- ELPS students at all grade levels feel supported and have positive relationships (88%-92%), increase from winter
- ELPS students feel a sense of belonging in our schools (SEL work in classrooms has shown positive impact)
- Majority of ELPS staff feel a sense of belonging in their schools and have someone they can lean on
- ELPS Leadership Team and stakeholders met with CLEE 10X's this year, revised District recruiting, hiring, and mentoring: the group has been able to create structures and processes that will help the Leadership Team be more efficient in recruiting, organizing search committees, and providing the support needed to retain a highly qualified and diverse staff
- Interlocking Connections completed the evaluation of the Preschool program; and new model has been developed and will be implemented over the course of the next two years.

SMART Goal 2: Instructional Practice

End of Year Evidence:

- Selection of new math (K-12) and ELA (K-5) curricular materials

- Scope and Sequence with proficiency scales for K-5 Math and ELA created
- New Standards-based Grading Handbook will be created for K-5 Math and ELA developed
- ELL Curriculum revised to align with 2020 WIDA Standards
- Revised Curriculum Guides for 9-12 English and History/Social Studies
- Revised Scope and Sequence for 6-8 Science (OpenSciEd Grant 4/2021)

**District Progress:**

- K-5 Curriculum Committee met from February until May and reviewed high-quality, evidenced-based math and literacy curricular materials following DESE model
- Illustrative Math has been selected for K-8; MGH Reveal for 9-12
- Wit and Wisdom and Foundations has been selected for K-5 ELA
- PD for these programs will be voluntary in the summer and will be scheduled within the school year
- PD utilizing ST Math date for instruction was provided for K-5 and this will continue into the next school year
- PD on Universal Design for Learning occurred 1/26/22 for 3-5 teachers; K-2 teachers rec'd LETRS training and have access to online courses until September 2022
- The Leadership Team will utilize instructional rounds to help with the implementation of new curriculum and will participate in PD this summer and throughout the next school year.

**SMART Goal 3: Continuous learning and Achievement**

**End of Year Benchmarks:**

- 40-60% of students will achieve annual typical growth on i-Ready
- 20-30% of students will meet annual stretch growth on i-Ready
- Maintain Aggregate Student Growth on MCAS within the Typical Growth Range of 40-60%
- ELPS will achieve above the State average on ELA, Math, and Science in the categories of Meeting and Exceeding Expectations.

**District Progress:**

- iReady Typical Annual Growth is well above the target for all schools
- iReady Stretch Growth is above the target for all schools
- The selection of new High Quality Instructional Materials in ELA and math will help continue this progress next year
- Creating schedules for 2022-23 SY will continue to build on the Collaborative Time established for teacher teams

**Assistant Superintendent for Business Report**

5.2.1 Spartan Walk donation into the ELHS gift account was presented by Ms. Blair

**Elizabeth moved to accept the \$175 donation on behalf of the Calcidise family for a brick for the Spartan Walkway, Antonella seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion, hearing none, all those in favor aye (5), those oppose nay (0), motion carries (5-0)**

**Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report**

**Old Business:**

6.1 Superintendent's Summative Evaluation was presented.

**William moved to approve the Superintendent's Summative Evaluation as presented, Elizabeth seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion?**

**Chair: I would like to add, with its own set of challenges, even withstanding them, there were many tough decisions that had to happen relative to budget, our continued progress around our work with MSBA. Lots of pieces of our community that really had to come together on some critical areas and I think that our Superintendent continues to not just make sound decisions, but also make decisions that aren't always necessarily popular, but in the best interest of our students. He is moving our district forward, and that I really commend him. I look forward to seeing where those decisions lead our schools, teachers and our students as we continue to move forward with wonderful initiatives across the district.**

**William: And that's a team, very well put. It summarized the entire year. It was a difficult year, we were always wrong.**

**Elizabeth: You looked cool as a cucumber doing it, at least out in public.**

**Mr. Smith: Thank you all because it's a team effort. There is no way we could do this, its cliché. It takes a village and coming out of the pandemic, it took more than just the village. Thank you**

**Chair: all those in favor say aye (5) oppose nay (0), motion carries (5-0)**

**New Business:**

7.1 MASC/MASS Joint Conference Early Bird Special was presented by Mr. Smith

This is for the Joint Conference at the Cape from November 2-5, 2022. Early bird registration ends on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost savings of \$95.

**Chair: Thank you Mr. Maki, Kathy and Samantha,**

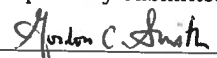
**William moved to adjourn at 7:37 PM, Elizabeth seconded the motion.**

**Chair: All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)**

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Minutes Recorded by: Kathy Celetti

Respectfully submitted by: Superintendent Smith

  
Signature