

Attendees

LPS: Kurt, Cate, Vanessa, Amy Davis, Kerri, Pat, Amy Plante, Dawn

Parents: Sara Abbott, Maya Bober, Julie Cotton, Hillary Wynn, Andrea Cawthone, Stacey Suckerman, Tim Flood, Angela Zuccaro

Rewind 2021-22:

At the end of last school year, LPS sent families a 5 question survey to help us better serve families. survey, responses are important and helpful.

1. Were your students' academic needs met while at Learning Prep this year?
2. Were your students' social/emotional needs met while at Learning Prep this year?
3. Have the Learning Prep staff been supportive to your family?
4. How has LPS communicated information with you?
5. How likely are you to recommend Learning Prep to another family?

We had 45 families respond and the majority of responses were positive. We value all input and want to know how we can be better. The LPS admin team read all comments and followed up with participating families. We want LPS to work for all of our families. The responses were also presented to the Board of Directors and staff.

Looking Ahead:

We have 127 students enrolled. This number is pretty well divided by grades.

Last year the staffing crisis hit all schools, including LPS. The staff who came on last year have been great additions to our community. To start this school year we only had 2 new staff members!

MTSS Multi Tiered System of Support-

MTSS came from Response To Intervention (RTI)

MTSS is a Massachusetts program in public schools that uses data on how students are responding to interventions.

LPS has adopted MTSS this year, but we have always had elements of MTSS, including small classes and giving students what they need, but we were not always looking at the data systematically to make thoughtful and consistent decisions.

Staff Professional Development is focusing on MTSS this year.

LPS School Calendar

Our [school calendar of events](#) is available on our website. Upcoming important dates:

After School Program

10/25/2022- Willow Hill Soccer Rematch

11/18/2022- Middle School Drama performance

12/09/2022-12/15/2022- Winter Session Registration

03/15/2023-03/22/2023- SpringSession Registration

MCAS

MCAS results were mailed out last week. If you have any questions or want to know if your child needs to retest, please reach out to Cate Wilson, Melissa Rudick or Michelle Cuddy.

MCAS at LPS is very different and the test is taken in small groups with individual accommodations.

November: ELA and Math retests

February: Biology retests

March: Math and 10th grade ELA retests

April: Grades 4-8 ELA and Grades 4-6 Math

May: Grades 7, 8 & 10 Math, Grades 5& 8 Science

June: Biology

Grade Level Parent Meetings

Meetings are being held for Grades 8-10 to give parents insight into what is happening with the specific grades. The 11th and 12th grade meetings have passed, but Cate can send the recordings if you are interested. Please email Cate if you need the link for an upcoming Grade Level Parent Meeting.

Grand friends day

Grand Friends day is October 26, 2022. It gives Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles etc a glimpse of who we are and what we are doing for your students. This will be a virtual event, which has been great because it includes grandfriends who are not close by.

Transition Information Night

On 11/8 at 6:00 PM, LPS will host our Transition Information Night on Zoom. It has been organized by Abby Heath, department chair of our transition program. The event will be very informative with information about post high school resources and will feature presentations from the Boston Center for Independent Living, Mass Rehab Commission, NESCO, LPS Occupational Therapist Mandy Nardone and more!

Speaker Series

10/19/2022- Anxiety in students by Meredith Sullivan & Katrina Keenan

January 2023: Pediatric Neuropsychologist Natalie Noonan

April 2023: Assistive Technology Specialist Carolyn Rasta

Seasonal & Holiday Events

10/28/2022- MS Social/ HS Fall Costume Dance

11/7-11/18/2022- Student Council Food Drive

11/18/2022- HS Monster Mini Golf

12/5-12/16/2022- Student Council Gift Drive

12/9/2022- HS Winter Dance

12/16/2022- Annual Winter Fair

Spirit Days

10/31/2022- Orange and Black Day

11/04/ & 12/02- Blue/Green spirit days

11/10/2022- Red, White and Blue Day

12/23/2022- Ugly Sweater day

New Website

LPS has a new [website!](#) Check it out when you have a chance!

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

LPS committed to DEI initiatives. We want all aspects of a student's identity to be welcome and celebrated, not just their learning difficulties.

Nadine and Kevin run the LPS DEI committee that includes 10-12 LPS staff members.

They have been looking at how to incorporate DEI topics into everyday classes.

Last year 3 families came in to talk to LPS about the possibility of starting affinity groups for students. We are looking for a way to do it in a way that feels good to our students. One idea being explored is having a diversity group, to explore what diversity is.

If any parents are interested in being involved with DEI at LPS, reach out to Kurt, Kevin or Nadine.

Partners in Education (PIE)

PIE is a parent group that all LPS parents and guardians are members of. PIE's goals are to plan events that bring students together for fun and fundraising. This group meets every other month. The PIE executive committee is made up of 2 High school parents, 2 Middle School parents and 1 parent from either school. Current members are Tim Flood, Stacey Suckerman, Roslyn Michelson and 2 Middle School parents to be announced soon!

The next PIE meeting will be: 11/17/2022

The next PAG meeting will be: 12/15/2022