

PAG Meeting 04/25/24

LPS: Kurt, Cate, Amy D, Vanessa, Dawn

Families: Melissa Isabelle, Meredith Lopez, Rachel Combs, Cary Meyer, Tim Flood

What is PAG?

Mini-State of the School presentation to parents

Meets four times each year on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 9:00am-10:00am.

- 10/19/2023- minutes on website
- 12/21/2023- minutes on website
- 2/15/2024- minutes on website
- 4/25/2024

Zoom Link for all meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89453990390>

Other Ways LPS Shares Info

In addition to our PAG and PIE meetings, LPS communicates to families via:

- LPS Newsletter
- Monthly Updates from Teachers with class and student updates
- Action Plans for Improvement/MTSS Tier II Info
- Team Meetings and Progress Meetings
- Our faculty are always happy to discuss your student with you. Email your students, teachers and counselors any time you have questions.

Grade Level Parents

Middle School		High School	
4/5	Rachel Noonan	9	Jessie Brauer
6	Christie Ward	10	Meredith Lopez
	Amy Domow	11	Kristen Koehler
7	Lauren Timmons	12	Laurel Hollinden
8	Katherine Munz		

Upcoming Community Events

- <https://www.learningprep.org/about-us/calendar>
- 5/4: Pizza and Pickleball (rain date 5/11)
- 5/1-5/15 Plant Sale

Upcoming Student Event Dates

- 5/8: MS Field Trip to Franklin Park Zoo
- 5/10: HS Prom (Grades 10-12)
- 5/17: MS Dinner Dance (Grades 6-8)
- 5/24: HS Awards Ceremony
- 5/29: 8th Grade Step Up Day
- 6/7: MS Field Day
- 6/12: HS Beach Day

Upcoming Senior Events

- 5/23: Senior Parent/Guardian Night
- 5/24: Senior Clap Out
- Week of 5/28: Senior Week
- 5/31: Commencement

Upcoming Early Dismissals and Holidays

- 5/10: Early Release: 11am Dismissal
- 5/27: Memorial Day: No School
- 6/13: Last Day of School: 11am Dismissal

MCAS Testing

- **May:**
HS Grade 10 Math 5/21 & 22
- **June:**
HS Biology 6/4 & 5

- **May:**
MS Math Grades 4-6 5/1 & 2
MS Math Grades 7&8 5/3 & 6
MS Grades 5&8 Science 5/16 & 17

MCAS Questions?

ALL LPS SENIORS HAVE PASSED THEIR REQUIRED MCAS EXAMS!!!

This means they are all eligible for Diplomas! This is the 3rd year in a row

Cohort Appeals and Portfolio Appeals are options for students who cannot pass the exam on their own to demonstrate content knowledge.

Blue/Green

Staff and students wear shirts....

Name that tune was our last event and we have a scavenger hunt coming up

- **After School Program Spring Session**
 - Shorter session due to school ending early this year
 - Monday Groups: 4/1 - 5/20
 - Tuesday Groups: 4/2 - 5/21
 - Thursday Groups: 4/4 - 5/23

Summer Program

- July 8-26, 2024
- On-site at LPS
- Student hours: 8:00am-2:00pm Monday-Friday
- Tuition: \$4,036 for full 3 weeks
 - *Tuition can be pro-rated weekly

Sky Full of Stars

Event is tonight! Looking forward to seeing many of you tonight

Pizza & Pickleball

PIE sponsored event. Please RSVP for your group for accurate ordering!

Looking for a parent volunteer to order the pizza for that day. They'd be reimbursed by the PIE fund. We can provide guidance on past headcount and ordering.

Meredith Lopez will help coordinate

Plant Sale

Horticulture is not just a class focused on plants, also does math and executive function practice in class. Very beneficial to our students to have extra practice in this area

Staff Appreciation Week

5/6/24-5/10/24 A national week that celebrates teachers, LPS expands to celebrate all of our staff. Grateful to our parents who are sponsoring the Friday breakfast and our Board for a lunch.

Mid Year Staff Survey 2024

- Great response from staff. Great breakdown of staff tenure- 3 years or less, 3-10 and 10+
- Majority of our staff reported that they are proud to work for LPS!
- Majority of our staff see themselves still see themselves at LPS in 3 years
 - Is it concerning that a quarter of our staff fall in the middle?
 - In education, this is not concerning. It does not compare to the turnover post covid. There can be many factors why staff may consider leaving-planned move, retiring, continuing education, exploring new paths
 - We are committed to employee morale and investing in our staff
- Many of our staff feel we are adapting well to the complex needs of our students
 - This is tricky and is helping us plan our professional development for our staff to make sure they have the skills to adapt to our complex needs of our students.
 - We're focused on the whole child and complex learning profiles
- Professional development topics requested on this survey
 - Math skills
 - Neuropsychologist and understanding data from evaluations
 - The new IEPS
 - All MA schools are switching to a new IEP format for the 24-25 school year. We've done a 6 part training series with staff to help prepare them for the new IEPs
 - ETFs are also attending DESE trainings to prepare them for the change
 - Executive functioning and Social Emotional challenges and how they impact students.
 - Supporting Self Advocacy and Coping Skills in the classroom
- Question- Are exit surveys and exit interviews done as standard practice?

- Yes, they are done by HR and feedback is reviewed by Kurt. We do ask about their feelings towards LPS and if they would return and we receive great feedback and staff are leaving with positive feelings
- Feedback during Covid was still good.
- Education turnover has been a challenge since Covid locally and nationally, LPS is doing well compared to the crisis other schools are seeing.

Special Education in the Boston Globe

Series article- The Great Divide

The Boston Globe has been doing a series investigating the Special Education system in Massachusetts.

Of important note: The article was presented as a student attending a 766 school, but the student is actually attending Fusion, a for profit, fully private, program that is not overseen by DESE.

LPS on Social Media

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Questions

What do you have questions about that you heard today?

What do you have questions about that you didn't hear?

What do you want us to know?

- Tim Flood: IEPs are changing for everyone- not just teachers and students. Parents will also need information to understand the new format. The Federation of Students with Special needs. Many SEPAC groups are hosting informational sessions about this. Belmont is having one on May 15. Available on Belmont page, will post on FB parent group

Feel free to share topics of interest with Kurt and Cate if there are things you'd like to discuss in future meetings

Contact us

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