

**LYONS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2006**

HANDOUTS:

1. Draft of proposed recommendations to BOE on Homework policies.
2. Draft of proposed motion to amend Article VI, Section 1 of bylaws.

I. LTCAC Call to Order and Business (7:30 PM)

- A. Co-chair Tom Kokontis called the meeting to order. He thanked the members of the BOE who attended tonight's meeting, as this is the annual meeting for the BOE and the Council. The BOE members in attendance were Mark Pera, Al Polich, Todd Shapiro, Arthur Sprague, John Polacek and Bill Purcell.
- B. The minutes of the April 19 meeting were approved as written.
- C. Tom motioned for approval of the slate of officers for next year: Angela Curran and Joyce McFadden as Co-chairpersons and Deb Wach as Secretary. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously by members in attendance.
- D. Tom Kokontis asked Al Polich to recognize and award certificates to the retiring members of the LTCAC. Angela thanked the current officers, Tom Kokontis and Deb Wach, for their service, and also thanked Mark Magee, Membership Chair, and the members of the Planning Committee for their hard work this year. Angela also recognized and thanked Frank Painter for continuing to keep the LTCAC website current. Angela also recognized the tremendous help of Joyce Marine and presented her with a small token of appreciation from the LTCAC.
- E. Angela asked for an advisory vote on a by-law change to Article VI, Section 1 of the bylaws to read that the "meetings of the Advisory Council shall be held September through May, as often as the Executive Committee shall deem necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Council, as stated in these bylaws, but in no event shall have fewer than 4 meetings per year." This was just an advisory vote on whether to present the amendment for vote at the September meeting. Angela explained the reasons for the proposed amendment, as stated in the handout. BY show of hands, the members present advised to proceed with the amendment process.

II. Superintendent Report (Al Polich)

- A. Dr. Kelly was not present at the meeting because he was attending a funeral in Florida. AL gave the Superintendent's Report. Al updated the Council on the issue of the defective flooring in the new field house and on staff hiring for the next school year.

III. School Board Report (Mark Pera)

- A. Mark thanked the Council for its work this year.
- B. Mark suggested 4 topics that the BOE recommends that the Council look into next year: School safety and gangs, the transition program for low achieving students, technology and staff development and training.

IV. Old Business

- A. Jeremy Vrtis gave the Council a presentation on how he has used the computer tablet, as one of the faculty chosen to do so in the pilot program.
- B. Angela presented the draft recommendations concerning Homework policies at LT based on the discussion and table recommendations from the April meeting and asked everyone to take them home and review them and email any comments or changes to her so that they can be revised, if necessary, and presented to the BOE in June

V. New Business

- A. Topics for next year:
 - 1. Angela presented the proposes of the Council as set forth in the bylaws as a guideline for reaching a consensus on next year's topics.
 - 2. There was a question and answer session with Mr. Pera and the other Board members present about the 4 topics Mr. Pera suggested the Council address next year. Members asked for more specific information on the topics, if and when the BOE planned to take action of these issues and how the BOE members felt the LTCAC could contribute to the discussion of these issues.
 - 3. Members also asked other questions and had discussions with the BOE members present on other topics of concern to them. These issues included an update on the BOE's steps to examine changing the school calendar, the website update, curriculum changes in the English department, the possibility of having Honors Science classes at South Campus, the increasing number of students who are taking driver's education outside of LT, the possibility of adding Asian languages to the curriculum, school growth and what is being done about LT on the No Child Left Behind watch list and how to publicize the strides LT is making to meet the mandates of the act.
- B. Angela concluded the meeting by indicating that the co-chairs would meet with Dr. Kelly to further delineate the issues raised by Mr. Pera.

VI. Meeting adjourns at 9:00.