

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
CHARTER SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND

DATE: February 9, 2012  
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School - Library  
152 Jenckes Hill Road  
Lincoln, RI 02865

**MINUTES**

TIME: 5:30 PM

Open Session

School Committee Members present: Kristine Donabedian, Mary Anne Roll, Tracey Cavanaugh, Mary Varr

Meeting opened at 5:35 PM

- I Review and approval of 1/5/12 meeting minutes -  
Mary Anne Roll made a motion to approve minutes; Tracey Cavanaugh seconded; motion passed.
  
- II Discussion of state funding formula -  
Committee member Kristine Donabedian reviewed the law and the state funding formula. There are three components. Core instructional amount, at risk and the state share ratio. She led the group through an exercise that explained the formula and highlighted the potential cost to the district when a child moves to a charter school. Although, this number had many variables which would make it difficult for the department to come up with an accurate budget number.

Tracey Cavanaugh pointed out that in addition, the charter schools do not pay for pensions or sports or other school activities because the students are allowed to take part in the public school's extracurricular activities.

The committee discussed the need to come up with a plan to keep the children in the district. This would include marketing, highlighting the uniqueness of the school communities, possible mentoring or allowing younger students to shadow older students.

Mary Varr suggested a survey to parents to determine what they want in their school.

The committee revisited the topic of expanding the pre-k program. Mary Anne Roll stated that even if the district started a charter preschool, we would not be able to govern it. Discussion then revolved around expanding the existing program to possibly include a longer day-similar to the state's pre-k model.

- III Community Comment -  
Mary Ann Canning-McComiskey spoke about the importance of an expanded pre-k program.

IV Adjourn

Mary Anne Roll made a motion to adjourn at 6:36 PM; Tracey Cavanaugh seconded; motion passed.

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Kristine Donabedian

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