

December 2, 2019

To: LCS School Committee  
From: Paul Russo  
Re: Principal's Report

1. Facilities/Maintenance:
  - a. The generator was back on line as of November 14<sup>th</sup>. The battery was replaced.
  - b. We took delivery of a bottle donation shed that was funded by the eighth grade classes of 2018 and 2019. A sign has been made and will be attached this week.
  
2. Recent Professional Development:
  - a. The focus of our workshop was lesson planning. All staff received training on the element "Planning Standards Based Lessons/Units," (Additional Information is attached) and were given an opportunity to align lessons with the element. They did this with both individual lesson plans and integrated units. Our k-2 team also attended a workshop on curriculum compacting presented by Cheryl Dobberton, a well known author and leader in designing exemplary units for Common Core implementation.
  - b. Teachers also worked to improve our math RTI program based on recent data. Our 3-8 teachers are working with students to set math growth goals based on NWEA results and the goal setting protocol.
  - c. Along with the K-2 teachers, I attended the Learning and the Brain Conference in Boston over the weekend prior to our workshop days. The conference theme was, "Learning How to Learn." It was divided into six strands all of which featured many experts in the field. The actual strands were The Science of Learning, The Science of Deeper Learning, Schools and Deeper Learning, Tech Projects and Deeper Inquiry, The Science of Memory/Retention, and The Science of Reading. We attended presentations from eight keynote speakers followed by breakout sessions where presenters shared their knowledge and insights. This conference was attended by educators from around the world.