

May 4, 2020

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

1. Distance Learning:
  - a. We continue with the program as outlined on 4/6/20,
  - b. Technology Update from Val Bemis: Beth Lambert, MDOE employee, as a result of a previous survey of need for hotspots and devices for homes without internet and/or a device of students at LCS contacted me asking if we'd consider accepting nine Samsung Tab 8 tablets and a hot spots (unknown type, but possibly relying on cell service). Very little information came from MDOE regarding these devices. My first question to Beth was in regards to content filtering to which she replied that there is none included with the devices. Only specific websites can be white listed or black listed with the MDOE provided Knox Configure system which isn't feasible for the multitude and ever-changing of online resources needed for remote learning. At that point, I sought out other content filtering offerings we might be able to purchase to add to the Knox Configure system to which the Samsung representative, Makala Simpson, said there isn't one that can be added to the device for home use. I asked about more information regarding potential parental controls, but have received no further information from her about this. When Beth from MDOE was asked how they were getting around the CIPA requirements for all the federal funds and Erate funds Maine receives especially for free state-wide internet for schools and libraries, she said they were trying to figure that out. Not being CIPA compliant puts all of that at risk of not being funded. There is no waiver. At this point, I'm very uncomfortable accepting devices to go to homes that are not able to protect our students and didn't accept the offer.
2. Facilities/Maintenance:
  - a. We had to replace the water pump on the diesel generator at a cost of about \$2,000.00, and additional annual maintenance was completed.
  - b. We are still waiting for some exterior work to be completed on the exterior façade, but I have been assured by Bonin Masonry that we are on the schedule.
  - c. Most of the parking lots have been swept. Some hand work still remains.
  - d. I have yet to hear back from XL Automation regarding billing inconsistencies, so we are withholding payments.
  - e. G&E Roofing was here to deal with two minor leaks.
3. Food Service:
  - a. We are currently serving breakfast and lunch to 103 Lincolnville children five days per week. The program was set up and is being managed by Angela Wheaton and supported by our ed. Techs who prepare, organize, package, and deliver the meals. They have all been nothing short of amazing!
4. Openings:
  - a. We still need to fill one half time teacher and two full time ed. tech III positions for next year to meet our needs. These positions are budgeted for, but I have waited to act given the uncertainty around the stay home order.
5. Budget:
  - a. An update of the budget is available as a handout.