LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, June 16, 2015
201 Bedford Street

PRESENT: Chair Jessie Steigerwald, Vice Chair William Hurley, Margaret Coppe
Unable to attend: Alessandro Alessandrini, Judy Crocker

FACILITATOR: Andy Beck, School and Main Institute
Participants included: Leslie Zales, Denise Dracup, Kristie Demirev – Human Services,
Charlotte Rodgers – Youth Services, Suzie Barry – Selectman, BJ Rudman – Ad Hoc
Committee, Bill Blout – Ad Hoc Committee, Mike McLean, Eileen Jay, Carol Pilarski, Manjula
Karamcheti – Assistant Director of Guidance, LHS, Kathleen Lenihan – PTSA President, Val
Viscosi Director of Guidance, LHS, Tim Duggan, Betsey Weiss – LYFS, Jennifer Wolfrum –
Health/PE/Wellness, LPS, Rev. Kate Ekrem -- Rector, Church of our Redeemer and member,
Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association

The Minutes were taken by Jessie Steigerwald

The meeting convened at 3:35 pm.

Call to order and welcome: Chair Jessie Steigerwald called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.,
welcomed everyone and introduced Andy Beck from School and Main Institute. After everyone
introduced themselves, she turned the meeting over to Mr. Beck.

Mr. Beck reviewed the core ideas he had presented at the June 2nd meeting:
• Working with a coalition approach where common goals are achieved by working
together with a shared implementation plan
• His concept of “partner” “ships” vs. “partnerships”
• A coalition can be successful by focusing on the priorities we can only accomplish by
working together – rather than by working alone
He summarized the proposal for two autumn meetings to bring together a broad array of
community representatives to establish 1, 2, or 3 actionable priorities to support youth.

Beck divided the group into two groups and asked one group to focus on the October 7th evening
meeting which would bring together as many people as possible who have a concern regarding
Lexington youth and who are interesting in working as a coalition on shared goals. Participants
would brainstorm goals and prioritize 1, 2 or 3 actionable shared goals. The second group would
focus on the October 21st meeting where a group would gather for a day time meeting to form an
implementation plan around the priorities selected on October 7th.

The groups brainstormed people and groups to invite, ways to communicate about the meetings,
and ways to plan over the upcoming summer months. At approximately 4:15 p.m. Ms. Coppe
had to leave the meeting and the School Committee meeting was adjourned as there was no
longer a quorum. The groups brainstormed lists of invitees for fall meetings and suggestions for
materials to help with meeting publicity. Several people volunteered to work on publicity
over the summer and agreed to set a future meeting date by email.

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Voted by the School Committee July 7, 2015