

School Committee Principal's Report for Lee Middle and High School February 14, 2012

LMHS Vision:

At Lee Middle and High School, we are committed to creating and supporting a community of student scholars who have the competence, capacity and confidence to pursue post-secondary education without remediation to realize their personal aspirations.

LMHS Mission Statement:

The mission of Lee Middle and High School is to provide a safe and respectful environment that supports individual academic success, personal growth and social responsibility for all learners.

Professional Development and Academic Updates:

During our January 13th Professional Development half day, the faculty addressed four areas of interest to Lee MHS for 2011-2012 and in preparation for 2012-2013. We reviewed half-year electives, held discussions on academic integrity and ways to celebrate student work, and highlighted available mental health resources. These discussions were facilitated by the following teachers: Dan Korte for half year courses; Amy Consolati for academic integrity; Tim Mertinooke for displaying student work; and Donna Long for mental health issues. In addition, these panel discussions support our district-wide focus in 2011-2012 on student wellness linked to academic success.

Department Heads have completed inventories to inform the FY13 budget process. Along with Guidance, the Department Heads are also working on revising our Lee MHS Course of Studies to reflect the additions of electives and changes in existing courses in preparation for scheduling for the 2012-2013 school year. We will continue this work on our March 16th Professional Development half day as teachers participate in the course development and recommendation process as well as addressing means to support summer reading programs for the upcoming year. In addition, we will be working with like-content area peers from Lee Elementary on curriculum topics or within middle and high school departments to continue curriculum alignment. Topics for spring faculty meetings include addressing our NEASC work around the integration of mission and vision statements from our district strategic planning with Lee MHS learning expectations and core values and sharing teachers' individual floating professional development projects.

School Council:

LMHS School Council met on Tuesday, 1/17/12, to do a midyear review of academic issues and to address changes in language in our Student Handbook as we prepare revisions and updates for the upcoming school year. Our next meeting is Tuesday, 3/20/12, at 6:30 PM in the Lee MHS library. This meeting is open to members as well as to the public at large.

Respectfully Submitted, Kerry A. Burke, Principal