



2020-2021 Annual Report

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Conferences

In 2020-21, LIASCD held two major conferences. Both conferences were held virtually.

The Fall Conference was held on Friday, October 2, 2020. This conference featured an afternoon with Dr. Claude Steel author of, *Whistling Vivaldi and Other Clues on How Stereotypes Affect Us*. The conference was attended by 256 professionals coming from over 37 different teams/districts from across Long Island. Feedback on the conference was reviewed by the Board and found to be very positive. It was also discussed that this presentation was extremely engaging and served as a starting point for educators to continue the conversation in their own districts.

The Spring Conference was held on Friday, March 5, 2021. There were 174 registrants. Pasi Sahlberg's discussion was focused on the analysis of educational excellence and equity. Statistics he referenced included 260 million children being out of school during our global Covid crisis. Sahlberg further professed that much attention needs to be focused on students' well-being and sedentary time. Next, Regent Roger Tilles introduced the New York State Commissioner of Education, Dr. Betty Rosa and Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Kimberly Young. There was a question and answer session that provided educational updates regarding Regents testing and NYSITELL testing among other educational topics. The final presenter was Dr. Romie Mushtaq who spoke about how to cure the busy brain with brain shifts. Feedback on the conference was reviewed by the Board and found to be overwhelmingly positive.

NETWORKING EVENTS

In 2020-21, LIASCD held two virtual networking social events.

The first event took place on November 19, 2020, from 6:30pm – 8pm. There were 49 participants registered for this event. The presenter of this event was Dr. Loewenberg Ball. She illustrated how every classroom is filled with opportunities to elevate children or, conversely, to suppress them and their voices. During this powerful presentation, Dr. Ball unpacked micro-moments where teachers sent implicit and explicit messages to students. Through video and an extensive and thorough presentation, she brought research and examples to our attention and challenged participants to “take as axiomatic the brilliance of Black children” to receive students as capable contributors.

On May 6, 2021, LIASCD held the Spring Networking Event. There were 79 registrants for this event. During the event, the LIASCD Board and committee members facilitated conversations on a smorgasbord of educational topics that were prevalent post pandemic such as:

- Equity and Diversity
- Learning Models
- School-Reopening
- Performance Based Topics
- Hybrid/Remote Instructional Models

Much was shared and discussed during the formatted break out sessions. The conversations were reported to be lively and gave participants an opportunity to discuss emerging topics.

The LIASCD Board is committed to highlighting content areas in the ever-changing dynamic educational world we are living in, and bringing internationally recognized as well as local professionals to speak about events.

BOARD MEETING DATES

- Summer Annual Meeting (virtual)- July 22,2020
- Fall Networking 2020 and meeting (virtual)- November 19, 2020
- Winter Meeting 2021 (virtual)- January 28, 2021
- Spring Conference 2021 and Meeting (virtual)- March 5, 2021
- Spring Networking 2021 (virtual)- May 6, 2021
- EOY Dinner Meeting 2021- June 11, 2021

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Our opening account balance as presented at our July 22, 2020 annual summer meeting was \$87,090.69. Our ending balance as of June 11, 2021 was \$72,434.65.