

Lake Norman Charter School  
Board Meeting Minutes – Open Session  
April 7, 2011

Board Members Present:

- Tricia Sisson – Chair
- Bill Farber – Vice Chair
- Lee Brooks – Treasurer
- Kathleen Eid-Heberle - Secretary
- Anita Blowers
- Rich Bovard
- Cathy Moore
- Cynthia Bush – non-voting
- Tim Riemer – non-voting

Administrative staff present: Shannon Stein, Michelle Harrison, Terri Costa, Mike McAlpin, Lori Hughes, Matt Schlegel, Scott Abel, Harrella Whitehead

Call to order 6:35 pm

*Motion by Bill, second by Cathy, to move into closed session at 6:35 pm. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Bill, second by Kathleen, to return to open session at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Bill, second by Rich, to approve both open & closed session minutes from March. Motion carried.*

PTO Report: (Karen Clark)

- Teacher Appreciation Week (3/7–11/11) was very successful.
- Preparing for next year by identifying open positions.

Public Comments:

- None

Managing Director's Report: (Tim Riemer)

- Ms. Hammond recognized Adhithya Narayanan as the LNC MS Spelling Bee winner. Adhithya will move on to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee tournament.
- Ms. Pam Price shared that an LNC Odyssey of the Mind Team qualified for the World Competition.
- Mr. Tim Riemer informed the group that Mr. Jay Attanucci resigned as Director of Business Services to take a job with a bank and that Ms. Harrella Whitehead will serve as the interim Director of Business Services.
- On March 30, 2011 a presentation on drugs and alcohol was given to LNCS parents by the Huntersville Police. The program was very successful.

- Ms. Shannon Stein shared some important upcoming dates; HS Award Ceremony May 18, 2011 and Graduation June 4, 2011. She also shared that honor students will wear Honor Cords exemplifying Academic Excellence.

Treasurer's Report: (Lee Brooks)

- On budget for the end of the year and looking at next year's budget.

Old Business: (Tim Riemer)

- Budget Rally Update
  - 113 families (10%) have made donations. Thank you notes will be sent to donors.
  - It is imperative to keep this initiative in the forefront in order to continue receiving donations.
  - Considering setting up a World Café for parents and community members to discuss the budget.
- Enrollment
  - Question was posed as to whether LNC should increase enrollment to help with the budget. There could be up to a 10% reduction in the budget.
  - Increasing the number of total students from 1,500 to 1,602 for the 2011-2012 school year will enable LNC to continue receiving state and county funding. Any increase over 102 students, LNC will only be eligible for county funding.
- Board Training
  - A two hour Board training will be provided on May 5, 2011.
- Development Committee
  - There needs to be consistency between PTO and Development Committee.
  - A list of people/ businesses who have been contacted needs to be established in order not to contact the same people/ businesses repeatedly.
  - Need to consider non-monetary donations, i.e. use of tennis facility.
  - It appears that at this time people are not interested in Naming Rights; consider reducing the time commitment.
  - Assess what other schools are doing.
- LNC Handbook
  - Counsel has reviewed the LNC Handbook and it will now go forth to the Policy & Procedures Committee for review and recommendations.
  - Distribution of the Handbook will hopefully be done by June.

New Business: (Tim Riemer)

- Fundraising
  - Feasibility of using a third party to complete an assessment and develop a plan for fundraising. Due to the cost and the loss of funds the first year, the idea was not pursued.
- Director of Business
  - Currently considering using Sherpa to assist in identifying a new Director of Business Services. The cost would be approximately \$12,000.00 for the service.

*Motion by Bill, second by Anita, to enter into a relationship with Sherpa to identify a new Director of Business Services. Motion carried.*

- College Relationships
  - Math students from Davidson College were asked to assess the carpool system and provide recommendations for improvement.
  - Ms. Tricia Sission suggested developing partnerships with local colleges/ universities to do community outreach projects.
- Communication Between Teacher/ Staff and Parents
  - Parents are not communicating appropriately with teachers. Parents should be addressing issues and concerns in a professional manner with teachers.
- HS Selection for Valedictorian
  - Ms. Shannon Stein asked to amend the current policy in determining the Valedictorian from the current eight (8) semesters to after seven (7) semesters.

*Motion by Bill, second by Cathy, to amend the current policy in determining the Valedictorian from the current eight (8) semesters to after seven (7) semesters. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Kathleen Eid-Heberle, Secretary