



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes September 6, 2012

Attending: Bill Farber – Board Chair; Tricia Sisson, Ron Jones (phoned in, joined at 7pm), Laurie Fabian, Eddie Bethea, Cynthia Bush, Bonnie Newell, (Board Members); Shannon Stein - Managing Director (present at 6:05pm),
Staff attending beginning at 7pm: Lawrence Sullivan – HS Principal, Michelle Harrison – MS Principal, Terri Costa – VP HS, Mike McAlpin - VP MS, Harrella Whitehead – Business Manager, Matt Schlegel Director of Athletics, Scott Abel – Director of Facilities

I. Call to Order – 6:05 PM

II. Board Governance –

Discussion of policies that need to be implemented by the board as it relates to the board: board attendance, board training (to include onboarding training), board code of ethics, board conflict of interest. Discussion by board to create a minimum of 6 hours per year required board training to include conferences. Addition of regular committee attendance suggested by Shannon. Discussion of the politics of Charter Schools and requirements that would be difficult to navigate financially in the future. Shannon requested feedback on Knights News. Discussion that board did not know you could click on Knights News to get daily updated information. Discussion of sports was not linking in, need solution. Shannon requested feedback on state of the school presentation at Back to School night. It was reported that the evening was very well received.

III. Approval of Open Meeting Minutes from August Board Meeting

A. Motion by Tricia, second by Eddie, motion passed

IV. No public comments

V. PTO Update

- A. Lunches started Monday
- B. Coupon sale starts tomorrow
- C. Welcome to come – “Newcomers Breakfast” scheduled for 9/14
- D. First PTO approved budget able to include \$150 per staff back to school allowance
- E. Additional funds for technology – new netbook carts

VI. Athletic Boosters update

- A. Great BBQ outing headed by Laurie Fabian, silent action was a success
- B. Tomorrow dinner and game for home game (versus Wake Christian)
- C. Next board meeting next Monday night
- D. Laurie added that membership already at level of last year
- E. Follow on Twitter on LNC athletics

VII. Managing Director Report – Shannon Stein

- A. Cole Rasenberger, student at LNC, won a Kohl's \$10,000 scholarship and Ms. Stein showed the board and attendees the full page ad in Charlotte Observer announcing his accomplishments. Cole spoke about his community project

- B. Shannon talked about performance scores – specifically about the paradigm shift in how the scores will be modified, specifically the New NC Standards and accountability model
 - 1. Common core would make expectations for curriculum standard across all states – 47 out of 50 states have signed on
 - 2. NC went all in and changed the essential standards and common core for all subjects
 - 3. Shannon discussed what each of these changes meant in the various curriculums from English, Mathematics, how students are measured with assessment throughout the year, 3 types of indicators: performance, progress, and growth indicators.
 - 4. Schools will be assessed a letter grade vs. “honor school of excellence,” “school of distinction,” etc.
 - 5. LNC is preparing for this with school meetings (Oct 12), access to EVAAS, and MAPS testing in 5-7 grades; Middle and High School will be “One School”
 - 6. Mr. Sullivan shared ACT data, LNC outperforms the state in all areas including composite scores; Ms. Costa spoke about how LNC is in the top 10% of all charter schools in regards to the AP tests administered
- C. Shannon discussed the Town of Huntersville decision on traffic queuing. Town is requiring LNC to eliminate “left turn in” during the carpool times based on traffic modeling study. Letter will go out to LNC parents on Monday. This will take effect on Oct. 1st. Q&A with Shannon addressing parents concerns.

VIII. Finance Update

- A. Harrella pointed out the budget comparative 2011 to 2012
 - 1. **Tricia made a motion to approve the 2011-12 final budget, Cynthia seconded, motion passed**
- B. Harrella made suggestion for financing phase III of the HS construction that the school put up \$1.5 million cash: \$1 million in construction and \$500,000 in furnishing, and borrow the other \$1.5 million

IX. Old Business

- A. Strategic Planning Committee Updates
 - 1. Laurie reported on College Counseling Committee meeting
 - 2. Tricia, Shannon, Terri and Elizabeth reported on Partnerships Committee
 - 3. Cynthia reported on Cross Cultural Committee
 - 4. Ron & Harrella reported on Technology Committee
 - 5. Michelle reported on Communications Committee

X. New Business

- A. Field Trip approval
 - 1. Oceanography to Charleston
 - 2. Astronomy to Chapel Hill
 - **Laurie motioned to approve, Bonnie seconded, motion passed**
- B. Eddie presented a policy recommendation for Employee and Volunteer Drivers
 - 1. Shannon advise adding #8 speeding in a school zone
 - **Tricia motioned to approve with amended #8, Laurie seconded, motion passed**
- C. Scott presented construction committee update, anticipating full approval from LUISA and town, need to expedite review which bears an additional expense, however that will provide approvals much sooner and allow for first week of October groundbreaking.

- **Laurie motioned for to move forward with expedited review, Eddie seconded, motion passed.**
- D. Scott presented plan for adding concession stands for sporting and other outdoor events – architect has blueprints for concession stand - and roll into phase 3 construction – seeking recommendation to add the concession stand construction into phase 3 – looking at two cost structures with one or two phases or two options, one with concessions and bathrooms and one that adds locker rooms.
- **Motion to approve hiring of PBC&L architect to cost design and build of concession stand building by Bonnie, second by Laurie, motion carried.**

XI. *Motion to adjourn by Tricia, second by Eddie. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.*