

**Lake Norman Charter School Board Meeting Minutes –
Open Session November 3, 2011**

Attending: Tricia Sisson – Chair, Bill Farber – Vice Chair, Tom Ghareeb - Treasurer, Bonnie Newell - Secretary, Eddie Bethea, Cynthia Bush, Ron Jones, Mike Manahan and Cathy Moore, Laurie Fabian, Jim Cuttinio (non voting member) Interim Managing Director - Shannon Stein.
Not attending David Swett

Administrative staff present: Michelle Harrison, Rodger Hyatt, Terri Costa, Mike Mcalpin, Scott Abel

Call to order 7:00 pm

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

o P.T.O. Update

- November 4 ends Cookie Dough sale and holiday wreath sale to start
- The junior class had their ring ceremony
- Approved \$2100 for school newspaper

o Managing Director's Report:

- Professional Development day coming up about teaching skills - good program
- Group interested in girls lacrosse met with us - in discussion
- School tours have started every Thursday until 2/14/2012
- Prospective Parent Meeting at High School next week.
- Next year calendars a bit behind due to increase in days of year, etc. Additional update in December.
- Update on Senate Bill 8 - Removes cap on the charter school and State Board has an Advisory Counsel. The annual conference will be held locally and please consider going July 22,23,24. The overall impact is that we can grow our cap up to 20% and it also allows charters to charge fees equivalent to public schools.

o Treasurers Report

- Will have audit completed by next month
- Revenue figures should also be available next month

o Old Business

- Common Core.NC Essential Standards discussion. Social Studies, Math, ASCD (Curriculum and Development) teachers are free to attend this and training is taking place

o **New Business**

A. Report on NC School Report Cards

Teri Costa summarized and gave us the NC School Report Card. LNCS has done as well as expected and in many instances better. The increased progress isn't a huge number because LNCS has done so well in the past. It is proof that the academic rigor is proving successful in statewide testing. Teri Costa will send out a link with an explanation of what this all means in summary form. Administration and Board very pleased with the results and appreciate all the efforts made to ensure academic success.

B. Policy Committee

Eddie to send administration his comments on draft policy procedure. Look for some comments next month

C. Search Committee - Managing Director

Jim gave update on dates for ads, searches, interviews, comebacks and final candidate offerings. First group of interviews will the first week of January. Second group of interviews, middle of January. Comebacks will be the middle of February and by the first part of March the committee is hopeful to have final candidate recommendations.

D. Fund Raising Committee

November 10th at 4 pm there will be a strategic planning and long term planning meeting to discuss strategies and proposals. To be further discussed with Board next month.

E. Field Trip Approval

8th grade is changing direction of field trips and breaking it into a few day trips this year.

Bill made a motion, Mike seconded all three field trips - Motion carried

F. Graduation Update

Graduation will be held at University Baptist this year and it has been secured. It will seat approximately 1700 people. There will be 8 tickets per graduate. Beyond that if there are seats available they will be possibly be available at a fee.

Bill made a motion, Cathy seconded - Motion carried

G. Cell Phone Proposal

This has been discussed for many many months and Scott has negotiated a good deal.
He will be in charge of overseeing proper execution

Bill made a motion for approval, Tom seconded - Motion carried

Bill made a motion to go into closed session, Mike seconded -- Motion carried

Motion by Bill, second by Cathy to adjourn

Bonnie Newell, Secretary