



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes
March Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2021
07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-superintendent, Rick Buckler, Jennifer Johnson, Stephanie Painter, Leslie Fogarty, Ridgley Chapman, Amy Carr, Greg Kilpatrick, Elizabeth Timkovich

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Rick Buckler

I. New Business:

- A. Safe Schools Committee: Current progress: The transition to more in-person learning at Elementary (K-4) has occurred and is going very well. Teachers and parents have done some great welcome back-to-the-class activities. This has been very successful, and the teachers like having kids back 4 days per week. Tomorrow is a coffee chat. There have not been too many questions from parents; however, many parents have been commenting about how well this is going and how much the students needed the transition.
1. New Information: Health data has been holding steady at school and county. SB220 allows traditional schools to open in Plan A with no/minimal social distancing for grades 6-12. Charters were not part of this bill, so charter schools must follow the previous rule that does not allow charter schools to operate the middle and high schools in Plan A. A new bill is being expedited right now; HB325 will allow charter schools to have more in-person instruction. The social distancing will no longer be in place, but all other safety rules will still apply. This bill will progress to the senate probably by the end of the week. This is being monitored by the school. For charter schools, minimal distancing is needed for K-5 which recommends 3 feet when possible.
 2. Recommendation: The Safe Schools Committee recommends transitioning 5th grade to more in-person learning (4 days a week M-T, TR-FR) beginning on April 12. Current school hours (MS ending at 2:00) and Wednesday Seminars will remain to provide time and support for distance learners and struggling students (remedial support). This is in line with state guidance opportunities that other traditional schools have. We have been successful at the ES. This will provide more instructional support and socialization opportunities for students, and this will allow staff time to make operational and facility changes.

Motion to approve recommendations to transition the 5th grade to four days a week starting April 12 by Amy Carr; seconded by Leslie Fogarty; motion carries.

Motion to end the meeting at 7:22 PM by Jennifer Johnson; seconded by Stephanie Painter; motion approved.