



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

March Meeting Minutes

March 29, 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 7:01PM by Rick Buckler

I. New Business:

- A. Safe Schools Committee: Current progress: County and school data continues to remain steady. There was a slight uptick in the COVID positive for the county, but hospitalizations have gone down. This is updated once a week and the committee will monitor this weekly. The committee will continue to monitor the numbers in the county and the school.
 1. New Information: SB220: Schools should make all efforts to go back to as much in person school as possible. Charters were left out originally. The state board of education said for this bill in particular, charter schools were not covered under SB220. On 3/23/21 Gov. Cooper made new recommendations. There was a push by other lawmakers to pass HB324 which would change the public school toolkit which includes coming to school as soon as possible for in person learning. It also includes people who have been COVID vaccinated no longer need to quarantine, social distancing for K-8 should be cohorts if possible and 3 feet if possible at middle and high school. These are recommendations, not required. There is a continued 6-foot social distance for adult to adult and adults to children. Temperature checks and attestation are no longer mandatory; however, LNCS will continue to follow the current health protocols.
 2. Recommendation: Transition grades 6-12 to more in-person learning, 4 days a week, beginning April 19. Current school hours and Wednesday seminars will remain to continue to support distance learners and students who need remediation. This is based on current metrics, the school toolkit, and state guidance. Most of LNCS's contemporaries are moving to this format. Our elementary school has been successful in its transition to more in-person learning. Moving to this format will offer more instructional support and social opportunities for the students. April 19 was selected so teachers have time to plan and rooms can be set up with desks, etc... Mrs. Stein met with almost all of the staff in their department groups. She knew all staff was doing a good job, but this brought to light all of the things they are doing to support the students. She wants them to have time to prepare for this new change.
 - a) Distance learners: There will be an opportunity for families to elect to move to distance learning at this time. This will be communicated along with the timeline so staff knows how to set up desks, cohorts, plans, etc...
 - b) Greg Kilpatrick asked about how teachers are feeling about this change. Shannon Stein said most who want to have vaccines have, there are some who have had concerns about the vaccine and various health conditions. There is some anxiety about the move, and this is one of the reasons we will be keeping our health and safety protocols to have all the layers in place. The anxiety is not as high as it was from Plan A to Plan B among staff.

Motion to approve recommendations to transition grades 6-12 to four days a week starting April 19th by Jennifer Johnson; seconded by Amy Carr; motion carries.

Motion to end the meeting at 7:18 PM by Jared Tilley; seconded by Elizabeth Timkovitch; motion approved.