



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes
August Open Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2019

General Meeting

Attending: Ricky Jones, Rick Buckler, Sherry Latten, Jennifer Johnson, Stephanie Painter, Ridgely Chapman, Jared Tilley and Shannon Stein, Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ricky Jones

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June minutes by Jennifer Johnson; Sherry Latten seconds; motion carries.

I. Support Group Update

- A. **PTO:** Approved for funding over the summer: \$6500 in teacher PD, \$11000 for ES and MS Library, \$1500 for Knights of Honor, \$500 for Knights of art event, HS approved funding \$10752.06 approval, \$6500 MS funding approval, ES \$6900 funding approval, \$175 for Teacher/staff allotment.
- B. **Athletic Boosters:** Most athletes started last Thursday and Monday; the rest will start on August 19th. Numbers for the HS are larger than they have been in the past, which is encouraging.

II. Superintendent's Report

- A. **NC Coalition of Charter Schools:** Legislative report from the coalition identifies the progress being made. We joined so we would have a better legislation presence. Positive outcomes thus far.
- B. **Carpool:** MS will be piloting a new carpool app: "Pik My Kid." This will work more smoothly by helping with the problems of hearing numbers called, etc... This will also help better track the kids at the school. Other schools who are using this have had positive results.
- C. **Teachers:** Brainstorming discussion about diverse pool of applicants and teacher shortages. We will begin to reach out to the 46 educational preparation programs in the area.
- D. **Speakers:** Representative Clark and Senator Marcus will be visiting LNC on September 13 and October 4 respectively, to tour and speak to students.
- E. **Graduation Update:** This went well this past year even with the hurdles we went through to get there at the Blumenthal. The HS would now like to utilize this venue annually. The availability is not consistent with our recent graduations. For 2020, the ceremony will be Monday evening June 1. This is different from the past, but this is the date that will work for staffing. The venue is already booked the entire week before.

III. Finance Update:

- A. The state has not passed a budget and it doesn't look like one will be passed soon. All charter schools have been funded 20% of the ADM from last year until the budget is passed. We are in a good position and have additional cash reserves. The Department

of Public Instruction have stated that there will be additional funds distributed if it is not approved soon. There have been no problems on the local side (County funding), so we will have that money coming in soon.

IV. Old Business:

Committee Reports

- A. **Campus Master Planning/Construction:** Buckler: we just had tours of the ES this evening. There was a vote on the rezoning. Huntersville gave this to us so we can go up to 610 students at the ES. This was important in meeting all of our goals.
- B. **Knight's Fund:** Summer projects: Invest in Excellence was successful. Three goals: 1. Replace the aging busses. We have two and are waiting on the third. 2. Entering MS on the 115 side you can see we now have the vestibule for the MS entrance for better security. (A communication will be coming out for the families and signs are on the way to indicate where to enter the school.) 3. We were going to put the sunshade in the courtyard at the HS; however, based on a fire marshal report, we had to dispose of several pieces of furniture in the classrooms. We decided to use the funds from the shade instead for furniture for 20 classrooms. Some came last Thursday and the rest will be here Tuesday. Some of that funding was also used to hire the architects to create the plans for the main campus capital campaign. RISE Together: Still going on and staying up with the pledges. So far what we are seeing is good.
- C. **Engagement:** FOCUS: Organic connections to build community throughout the school.
- D. **Global Diversity & Inclusion:** New Diversity module; Implicit Bias launched. We had 40 people go through the training and have had lots of positive feedback. October 9 will be the next offering. There is one that will happen every year for new teachers and one that will happen for CEUs. For students we have a diversity calendar at all three schools. Twitter chats, leadership curriculum, live binders, etc... This year we will focus on the student side of diversity training.
- E. **School-Life Balance:** Craig Smith: Survey went out to alumni and students grades 6-12. 1344 participants. What are the sources of stress the students have? They had to identify the top two stressors for kids. Top selection was: Time Management, second selection: Parent Expectations, third selection: Student expectations for self. They will take this data and use this to start looking at how to help kids in these areas they have identified.
- F. **Leadership:** No report

IV. New Business:

- A. **Staff Recommendations:** 4 for the MS and 3 for the ES.

Motion to approve new staff by Rick Buckler seconded by Stephanie Painter; motion passes.

- B. **HB514:** Rick Bucker attended a meeting in early June with the Cornelius commission. Great conversation/open forum. Discussion of challenges and barriers to start ups. The Office of Charter schools strongly recommends the charter schools have an independent board. In Huntersville, the town commissioners were divided on what to do about HB514; however, now the conversation has been paused and no one is willing to have a strong opinion at this time. From our standpoint, we are on pause. We know the risks that are out there and we are in a good place. If we hear anything more from the town, we will report back to the board.
- C. **Main Campus Capital Campaign:** Green Campaign Financial Summary Power Point. The financial committee took the drawings and looked at the financial impact and what we need to do as a school to fund this campaign. Net campaign funding over two

years is anticipated to be \$1,124,650 based on financial assumptions. With all these assumptions, recommendation is that the school match 100% of the household donations capped at 1 million. Potential LNC exposure (risk) is \$2,631,450. There is flexibility in this funding because of the phases involved. If the vote is yes, we will need to launch this month and at the orientations later this month with all marketing materials for all of these events. **Elevate LNC**

Motion to approve Main Campus Capital Campaign (Elevate LNC) by Stephanie Painter, seconded by Jennifer Johnson; motion passes.

Motion to close meeting by Sherry Latten, seconded by Jennifer Johnson; motion approved at 8:37PM.