



**Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting
Open Board Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2020**

Attending: Ricky Jones, Shannon Stein-superintendent, Sherry Latten, Jennifer Johnson, Jared Tilley, Anna Blackwelder, Ridgley Chapman, Stephanie Painter, Thom McElroy

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January minutes by Tilley; Latten seconds; motion carries.

Public Comments:

Two public speakers (8th grade student and 7th grade team) spoke about the dress code at the middle school.

I. Support Group Update

- A. PTO: No update this evening.
- B. Athletics: Swim team is in Cary for the state championships and things are going well. Cheerleaders are enroute to Orlando for Nationals. Spring sports start Wednesday. HS basketball is still in regular season. Conference tournament and state playoffs will be upcoming.

II. Superintendent's Report:

- A. Charter Frameworks report: All the "things" charter schools are responsible for. Mrs. Stein provides all of the documentation that we are doing all of the things we are supposed to, and we passed this and met all requirements.
- B. Thanks staff and administrators for handling the weather situation.
- C. The dress code survey went out to all of the families. There were 450 people who participated in this and the data is being sorted by Mrs. Rogowski and they will report back.
- D. Rules: Keeping up the utilities at a school is difficult. Electric (\$18,000.00 per month). A company P3 Cost Analysis helps get the bills lower. They have successfully lowered our bill with waste management and cut our bills in half. In addition, all the fluorescent lighting in the gymnasium was revamped to LED lighting. The change has saved us \$2,000 in a month.
- E. We rolled out the See Something Say Something Application to 6-12th grade. All students have been trained to use this for anonymous tips about concerns at the school.
- F. Visitors: Elementary School: UNCC methods students will be coming to do their clinical trials to teach a class for two weeks. Today 6-7 people from Pine Lake Prep came to observe and see how to improve math scores at their school.
- G. BB&T Capital Market Symposium: Ricky Jones represented LNCS at this, and he was selected to sit on a panel to discuss the key traits for running a charter school.

III. Old Business:

- A. Committee Reports
 - i. Engagement: Pictures of the LNC Family Night two weeks ago where the varsity girls and boys adopted a player and then came to the basketball game. This will happen again with other sports as well. This was a big success. There will be a 30-day trial for a program which will allow parents to contact each other and find common interests, and needs. There will

also be a book study *Middle School Makeover* with a slow Twitter Chat over a few weeks. Rising 5th grade parents will be invited to participate and the author will come at the end of the books.

- ii. School-Life Balance: Two main goals this year are on expectations and time management. Later this month we will be utilizing student focus groups for grades 5-11. They will target 20 kids per grade level and students will be asked to track how they spend their time outside of school. One week in February and one week in March. They will focus on 10 activities, which seem to cover a variety of items. Once they have this they will be able to analyze how students are spending their time outside of school.
- iii. Global Diversity & Inclusion: Greenspan Center: High school teachers have participated in two different conferences with them. We also have two different Mix it Up dates which will have some pre activities to correspond with them as well. Also working with the Anti-Hate program "No Place for Hate" and become a certified school, which incorporates parents, teachers, and students. They are continuing to work on the communication plan. More resources about Building Global Competence in children through a professor. There is a focus on communicating and listening to stories.
- iv. Knight's Fund: We recognize families are slowing down at this time of year. In the next few weeks we will go back out to the community. We are \$900,000 away from where we need to be, but we are still 14 points higher than we ever have been before. We are still at \$1.2 million in pledges and the cash received for the ELEVATE campaign is \$366,000 and families have until 2021 to complete their pledges. RISE Together: \$780,000 cash received.
- v. Campus Master Planning: Last month we approved the permitting and the steps are moving along. The elementary school modular upfit has started so they can move into these spaces. The budget for this should be done by the end of February and they will move at Spring Break.
- vi. Contract for the turf/field has been researched. We got three bids. One was from Geosurfaces, which is the company the committee has used in the past, and a new company, Sprinter, has come in late and rose to the challenge, they answer their phone, their work is great, and they have competitive prices. The committee really has done the research over the past two years in all possible ways with all different questions. We save over \$150,000 by using this company.
- vii. Leadership: All groups are still holding meetings and have had very successful meetings at all grade levels. Service hours are being focused on in 8th grade to get the kids ready for the high school. At the HS, the Cohort I (11th graders) will have their last lesson on Monday and will have all reflections complete by the end of the year. Currently, we are not at 80% complete for this group of juniors even with skill 1. These are being addressed in the Junior meetings. Sherry Latten is concerned that the 11th graders who do not meet the deadlines will have a fail on their transcript. She feels this is too heavy. There was a discussion about being more creative with this type of motivation. The discussion was can we have this say "in progress" or INC instead? Administration will look into these options. We will have an update next month. There will be a continued effort to show the students how these leadership skills and essays flow into students' lives (honors society, common app essays).

IV. New Business

A. Elevate Capital Project Permitting:

We are still working through the change in the vendor, but would like a 1.5 million dollar contract with Sprinter. The committee would like the contract from Sprinter for the field/turf project to be approved.

Motion to approve the Sprinturf contract for the field, sand filter and turf by Painter, seconded by Latten; motion approved.

- B. LNC Stakeholder Expectation Guide Revision: This was revised to change language for more clarity about how to seek to resolve school problems with school staff. Expectations and consequences are laid out for families for those who do not follow the protocol we have put in place through this guiding document. Examples of consequences are in the revisions. This will take effect next school year.

Motion to approve the expectation guide revisions by Tilly, seconded by McElroy; motion approved.

- C. Resolution to Resolve Elementary School Boundary Line Discrepancy: Scott and Stein have been working with the real estate attorney. They are disputing a small piece of land, which is attached to a larger bit of land. The people purchasing the land want some protection for cause. This is a minor discrepancy between two surveys.

Motion to approve the resolution by McElroy, seconded by Tilly; motion approved.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM by McElroy, seconded by Tilly, motion approved.