



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes
Open Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2017

General Meeting

Attending: Kevin Lambert, Steve Jones, Anna Blackwelder, Ricky Jones, Thomas McElroy, Cynthia Bush, Sherry Latten, Kyle Burkey, Rick Buckler, Shannon Stein – Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Kevin Lambert.

Approval of January Minutes

Motion to approve the January minutes pending changes by Thom McElroy, Sherry Latten seconds, motion carries

I. Public Comments

- A. Mr. Hack expressed his concerns with the recent post about supporting Pride Day which was posted on Schoology and about potential directional change of LNC.

II. Support Organizations

- A. PTO:
 - i. Elementary School PTO President (Nichole Burton) has been selected
 - ii. The PTO will be at the registration nights on March 9th for kindergarten, March 15th for 1st grade, March 28th for 2nd grade and April 27th for the final make up registration night.
 - iii. PTO website has been updated to make it easier to navigate
 - iv. Hospitality luncheon is scheduled for tomorrow
- B. Athletic Boosters: Middle school sports finished up last week and men's and women's swimming teams won Big South Conference again this school year. They were recognized at the basketball game this past Tuesday night. Next week is the last game for regular season for basketball and spring sports start on Monday, February 13.

III. Superintendent's Report

- A. Cara Matocha presented the Regional Scholastic Art winners
 - i. Bri Roak received an Honorable Mention and will be attending college next year for art
 - ii. Christina Torres received an Honorable Mention

- iii. Both Jacob Piller and Savannah Schroder received a Gold Key which is currently as Spirit Square until February 22nd when it will be moved to NY for national judging.
 - iv. Out of 2,600 entries and 14 of those from LNC students, 4 LNC students received an award.
- B. Sara Lay shared the March 1st invitation for the LNC Annual Parent Soiree. This year they will have a new casino gaming company and caterer. They will need lots of volunteers and they are excited to have parents connect with each other. This is more of a “friendraiser” rather than a fundraiser.
- C. Bill Farber, a past board member, reached out to Shannon about the protocol dealing with past board documents. Shannon reach out to Gil Middlebrooks, LNC’s attorney, who indicated that there is no obligation for past board members to keep materials as long as it is maintained at the school level.
- D. The lottery is closed. The lottery will be held on February 16th in the HS MPR. Shannon reached out to other schools to see their lottery numbers. CSD (K-12) had approx.3,500, Pine Lake Prep (K-12) had approx. 3,700, and LNCharter had 5,465 applications. Taking out K-2 applications, there was a 12% increase from last year. There were about 1,000 applications for kindergarten, 534 for first grade and 586 for second grade.

IV. Finance Update

- A. Due to suspected reductions in potential rates next year due to the new governmental policies, Harrella reached out to our insurance to secure a rate lock extension for one more year. This will be revisited next year.

V. Old Business

- A. Strategic Planning Committees
- i. Knight’s Fund – Currently have \$120,000 which is nearly at the halfway point. An email about appreciating your support will be sent out soon. They are pushing the reoccurring gift because every amount matters. The reoccurring gifts range from 20.00 per month to 250.00 per month. Ms. Lay has reached out to Ms. Smith to get the kids involved.
 - ii. Technology – Currently looking at a new phone system for the school that will have a better connectivity between all three buildings
 - iii. College Counseling – Students will be able to attend a job shadow at FSI in Charlotte. It is a furniture company and the students will be able to hear from different departments within this company. This will occur on February 16. H&R Block Challenge is a free program that simulates financial literacy and Ms. Margeson is doing this as a daily activity in her classroom. Another HS math teacher, Ms. Young, is using the Dave Ramsey financial

program to teach financial literacy and is looking at taking the kids to the Smart Money Conference in late march.

- iv. Global Diversity & Inclusion – A team of parents, teachers and administrators continue to work on the teacher curriculum pilot. They are planning on implementing the pilot in March and April. The student program committee is thrilled about the Junior Achievement connection. They are reminding students that the See Something, Say Something campaign is still taking place.
- v. Campus Master Plan/Elementary School Construction – Permits have been approved for the site plan and we received the foundation plan to set the modular units. The irrigation on the fields are complete and sewage is 50% complete. Charlotte Water vendor contract has been issued and they have 75 days to get this complete, so by late April water should be ready to go. The administration trailer needs to be made into offices so they need to submit this to the county for approval.
- vi. Elementary Planning Update – Ms. Holland has interviewed around 63 people. There about 41 more interviews to go. She has identified her front desk receptionist and this person is also a registered nurse. Ms. Holland and Heather Crane will be attending the Leader and Me program in Spartanburg, SC to get ideas on leadership curriculum for the elementary level. The PTO is assisting in planning inaugural t-shirts for the students.

VI. New Business

- A. Technology Refresh Plan – Laptops will be at the high school and the middle school will continue to utilize iPads for instruction. The elementary school will have iPad carts. The school will refresh the 7th and 8th grade iPads and hold off on the 5th and 6th grade iPads until next year. Ms. Lord will offer training to the students transitioning to high school so they will understand how to use the laptop. With the next generation of iPads, the repairs are more expensive; therefore, the committee looked at getting new protective cases without keyboards. They will provide keyboards in the classroom, but not for kids to take home. The high school will keep some iPads on carts to use for creative projects. The Dell computers from the pilot have not needed any repairs. The iPads for the elementary and HS carts will come from the current stock of iPad Airs. There will be about 300 for the elementary school, 90 for the high school, and 40 loaners for the middle school. They will keep about 100 for back up. The overall budget for the refresh project is \$1.2 million. Wells Fargo provided a letter of intent to support this plan.

Cynthia Bush motions to approve the Technology Refresh Plan, which includes spending \$1million this school year for grades 7-12 and an additional \$200,000 to refresh the 5th-6th grades for the 2018-2019 school year; Ricky Jones seconds; motion carries.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Jones to move into closed session at 8:27 PM, seconded by Cynthia Bush, motion carries.

Cynthia Bush motions to move to open session at 8:53 PM; Steve Jones seconds; motion carries.

Cynthia Bush motions to adjourn at 8:54 PM; Sherry Latten seconds; motion carries.