



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

February Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2024

7:00 PM Eastern Time

General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-Superintendent, Gray Morris, Craig Randall, Amy Carr, Jared Tilley, Gray Morris, Greg Kilpatrick, Nicole Benford, Elizabeth Timkovich; Ridgley Chapman, Michael Eastwood

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Amy Carr.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous consent vote.

I. Support Group Update

A. PTO -

1. Kim Schild- The PTO is giving the staff a Winter Blues lunch tomorrow. Staff appreciation events, including April-May, were all planned at the last meeting. The PTO monthly treat cart is welcomed by the staff.
2. The elementary school had a family night at Urban Air. There was a great turnout. They have many events upcoming: Donuts with a grown-up and the father-daughter dance.
3. The PTO continues to come up with creative ways to encourage parents to volunteer with lunch. The actual lunch program is thriving with new vendors and many options.
4. PTO is starting to fill the spots of parents who are "graduating," so there is a seamless transition to the 2024-25 school year.

B. Athletic Boosters -

1. MS basketball finished; senior games will be next week; swim regionals are next week; state championship for those who qualify after that. Spring sports start February 14 at both MS and HS.
2. There are a few projects the Boosters are looking at including resurfacing the track and fixing up the practice field. Landscape area to make this smoother. Boosters will donate \$50,000.00 for the field and to assist with the track. This coating on the track will last approximately 8 years. The next recoat will cost much less. This is a highly used area. This will take place during the first 3 weeks of July.

II. State/School Report

- A. Tai Stephen: HS Fishbowl Activity: He believes education stems from conversation. He has been sharing his experience as a minority in school. His new initiative includes discussions with teachers. He will help conduct a pilot program on March 12 with a Fishbowl Conversation about their experiences at LNC while teachers sit and take notes on the stories. Goal: Learn how to answer hard questions and relate to all students in the classroom. After the larger conversation, there will be small groups to create dialogue. There will be training before the meeting to ensure all of the conversations are inclusive and meaningful and cultivate a positive educational environment.

- B. Third grade class (Ms. McKay) is participating in a regional-wide challenge READBOWL 2024 Reading is Fun.
- C. A trial is set for September 3 for the air conditioning unit issue at the elementary school
- D. The lottery was completed yesterday. A total of 6,675 people participated in the lottery. LNC is up 10% this year from last year. February 15 the broadcasted lottery will happen.
- E. The annual survey just wrapped up. Over 1300 different responses were provided for the parent survey. LNC was just under 100% with the staff survey as well.
- F. Dr. Graham and Hayley Wilson just finished with the ESSER Federal Grant and collected all of the necessary data and information.
- G. We continue to remain an investor-grade charter school.
- H. Mark your calendars for two LNC events: March 16: Knight of Shenanigans (Rural Hill) and LNC Family Fun Night on March 22.

III. Old Business:

- A. THRIVE:
 - 1. Student surveys will launch on Feb 12.
 - 2. Student recognition programs are being discussed. A flyer is in the works for a students-recognizing- students program.
 - 3. They are discussing updating the Knights of Honor Program.
 - 4. Career Exploration Update: HS is continuing with the Career Speaker Series, MS continues with the Career Club Series (6-8 sessions), and the ES 3rd and 4th-grade classes participate in a career day with hands-on opportunities.
- B. IDE&A:
 - 1. January: This was Mental Health Awareness Month. There were discussions at the high school regarding misconceptions about mental health & neurodiversity in social media and social settings. In middle school students watched a video about mental health and participated in two activities. In elementary school in the morning meetings, they discussed positive thinking and online “Chill” space to address feelings.
 - 2. February: Modules will occur during Knight Time: 9th Microaggressions, 10th Introduction to IDEA, and 11/12th Conscious and unconscious bias. This is also Black History Month. Community and LNC Club partnerships are occurring. The committee will have a focus meeting on February 8.

IV. New Business

- A. New Elementary School Update
 - 1. Design Extension Contract: There is an addendum that will need to be signed to accommodate the additions to the design. LNC is running the financing at the same time as the design-build. Renderings have been supplied and LNC has decided to go with a one-story building, saving approximately 2 million dollars. The school needs an extension on the design contract to keep this going (HVAC, electric, etc...).
 - 2. Underwriter Agreement: LNC financial advisors did fee proposal for an underwriter partner. LNC would like to go with PNC and engage them as our underwriter for the acquisition and financial side of building the ES. A non-binding letter of intent will need to be signed in order to proceed with the engagement letter process.

Motion to approve the underwriter agreement with PNC for a letter of intent by Jared Tilley; seconded by Nicole Benford; motion passes.

Motion to approve the addendum design extension contract with Bobbett by Jared Tilley; seconded by Ridgley Chapman; motion passes.

- B. Track resurfacing: An agreement with ATT Sports is in the board packet. There is a lump sum needed to cover repairing and resurfacing the track and making repairs to the practice fields at the ES. (\$182,000)

Motion to approve the resurfacing of the track contract with ATT Sports not to exceed \$185,000 by Greg Kilpatrick seconded by Gray Morris; motion passes.

The general meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.