



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting
January Open Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2020

General Meeting

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the December minutes by Stephanie Painter; Jennifer Johnson seconds; motion carries.

Public Comments: Two parents spoke regarding the Middle School Dress Code; one in favor of following the current process for review and one against.

I. Support Group Update

- A. PTO: Gifting went well this year and each staff member was able to get \$70.00. Cookie Walk was also a success. In January, the ES Family Night will happen. January 31 Super Bowl-themed teacher lunch. ES Coffee Chat January 21. HS Coffee Chat/PTO February 3 at 6:30. ES Father-Daughter Dance February 29 (Hollywood theme). April 5 ES Mother-Daughter Brunch 12-1:00.
- B. Athletics: Cheerleading championship: Coach Locke: State Championship for the third time in a row. They train 10 months out of a year between camps, football, basketball, and training for competitions. They have won Regional and State Competitions, and in February, they will go to National Competitions in Orlando and compete.

II. Superintendent's Report:

- A. NC Coalition of Charter Schools: State budget may not be here until the earliest beginning of April. Next month there will be a complete update.
- B. Mrs. Stein called Dawn Gilbert to discuss working for Scholastic and the service project, which resulted from this. She is paid in books. This year the ES wrapped 540 books (for all students K-5) and delivered them to the students at an adoptive ES in Charlotte who needed books.
- C. State Superintendents' Quarterly Meeting: Read to Achieve was discussed. The state made this law to say every child should be proficient in reading by the end of 3rd grade. This will become a hot topic because so many students were not supposed to be passed on if they did not meet the 3rd grade standards. (70000) At our school, this would have only included 1 student. Our school has many interventions and support for children falling behind.
- D. See Something Say Something Application: One-way students will be able to help keep each other safe at school. Mental and physical safety. Students can report concerns through this application and there will be points of contact at each building level.
- E. Builders Club: Awesome service project to provide a Christmas party for underprivileged children.
- F. New law for sex trafficking and abuse reporting. We will now report to police (local law enforcement) and have biannual training for this.

III. Finance Report:

- A. 2017-2018 Audit Report: 2018-2019 Audit Report by Potter and Company (Eric Smith). The report indicated this is a clean audit report and is materially correct.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Committee Reports
 - i. Engagement: 3 subcommittees: School-wide PTO directory, athletic events, and cross school activities. --January 17 ES basketball adopt a player on the basketball teams. They will meet their players next week, make signs, class with most attendance at game will go on court at half time for a fun time. This is to build excitement about athletics and get together with family and LNCS community.
 - ii. Another subcommittee: focusing on transition from ES to MS. Book study and focus on 4th grade parents. This will start next month and parents will be notified to create a group. There will be slow Twitter Chats and some group meetings and a final meeting with the MS Principal.
 - iii. Dress Code: Natalie Brown speaking on the committee's behalf: They have had 2 meetings. They are considering diverse viewpoints and have open dialogue. Through discussions they have had collaboration and created a survey which will be sent out to all families and staff to be sure to include everyone's voices. This will go out by the end of January. They are starting to review other school's dress codes and have other meetings scheduled. There are two students on the committee: a 5th and a 7th grader. Timeframes for all of these surveys and deadlines will be coming soon.
 - iv. Knight's Fund: Total of \$1.136 million. We have \$400,000 cash in hand (2 year capital campaign). We are at 36% participation rate, which is higher than we have ever been at this campus. No money from the state for capital improvements, so this is a positive thing for our community.
- B. **Campus Master Planning:** ES has been in the building since October. Final touches are being made. General contractor has been very responsive as they are going through the process. ELEVATE: Looking into starting the project and permitting the project and looking at contracts for the process and timeline. Looking to have permits in hand by June 1st. They have started to collect contracts from different bidders. Central office staff will be moved to trailers so we can make the changes in the building at the MS. They would like to move the central admin staff over Spring Break to begin the process.

V. New Business

- A. **Elevate Capital Project Permitting:** Buckler speaks: Elevate is: turf, track, driveway; MS Office4 entrance; Field house and press box. There is a \$3.2 million budget. Tonight asking approval for permitting (\$30,000). This avoids construction delays and flexibility. Also asking to start work on the upfit of Admin trailer at the ES (50K). Milestones were presented through January 2021 including Phase A, B, C of ELEVATE campaign changes. (PPT). In February all contracts will be brought for approval. All phases will begin based on funding acquired.

Motion to approve ELEVATE permitting & the upfit of the administration modular by Thom McElroy, seconded by Stephanie Painter; motion approved.

- B. **NC State Law 2019-245 (Child Abuse/Sex Trafficking Training)**

Motion to have the superintendent develop a plan to comply with Statute Law 2019-245 by Jared Tilly, seconded by Thom McElroy; motion approved.

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM by Thom McElroy; Sherry Latten seconds; motion approved