



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting  
January Open Board Meeting Minutes  
*January 10, 2019*

General Meeting

Attending: Thom McElroy, Ricky Jones, Steve Jones, Shannon Stein-superintendent, Stephanie Painter, Kyle Burkey, Rick Buckler, Anna Blackwelder, Sherry Latten

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Steve Jones**

**I. Support Group Update**

- A. PTO: - Candice Williams. For the holiday season, all staff received both a gift card as a result of the Gift of the Season program and two dozen cookies as a result of the parent's generosity. Next HS coffee chat will be at the HS MPR in the evening and will be live streamed. Jan 22 for Elem where sharing of pictures of the buildings. Feb 1 will be the next staff lunch. Feb 23 at 7:30pm is the LNC Family Night with the Hornets. March 4-8 will be the Staff Appreciation Week. The elementary mother-son outing to an LNC basketball tomorrow night. Elem School Father Daughter dance (Boots and Bowties) will be soon as well.
- B. Athletic Boosters: Varsity Cheerleading Championship: Coach Locke & student-athletes. They won the state championship for the second year in a row and received a national bid to compete in Florida.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

- A. MS Mindfulness Program: Counselor from the MS, Mrs. Bish, speaks about the Mindfulness Program. It is being rolled out this year at the middle school to build self-awareness and self-regulation skills. They are being taught elements of mindfulness to assist with stress, emotion, and anxiety. Students will build a better understanding of what is going on emotionally so they can deal with feelings in an appropriate & healthy way; coping with and managing thoughts and feelings when they arise. This will be in grades 5-8 initially and will be offered in classes 4 times per year.
- B. NC Collaborative for Mathematics Learning Innovator Award 2018 : Tara Costenoble was awarded this award this year. Awarded for outstanding contributions to math education by founding and developing programs and state standards.
- C. Huntersville Educational Options committee meets bi-monthly, and the town manager reached out to have Shannon Stein speak about high level charter school information on 1/14/19
- D. EC Audit: Lori Hughes and her department are to be commended for the recent audit where they did very well. The auditors emphasized the quality of services being offered to the EC teachers. There will be a follow-up visit in April.
- E. HPD: Huntersville Police Department renegotiated with us to make sure that we are similar to the surrounding areas in pay for their services. We will probably save between \$5,000-7,500 per year.
- F. School Report Card will not be out until late Feb-early March per DPI because of delays caused by Hurricane Florence.
- G. High School Counseling Department & Dr. Graham: Claudia Bravener put together a video about how parents can use Naviance. Michael Porter and Christine Casillas, with with Dr. Graham's guidance, have revamped the 504 procedures to be consistent throughout the schools.

- H. LNCS Lottery is Feb 14th. This will be offered via live streaming on YouTube. Families can also attend in person if they choose.

### **III. Finance Report**

- A. 2017-2018 Audit Report: Eric Smith from Potter and Company; Page 5-7: Independent auditors report. Opinion Paragraph- all activities and funds of LNCS ended with accordance with the highest accounting standards set. They say this is a clean audit report. Mr. Smith reviewed the specifics of the audit, including the new OPEB requirement, with the Board.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **A. Committee Reports**

- i. ES Construction: GL Wilson have been hitting everything hard this week given the good weather. They are continuing to remediate the soil and have made a lot of great progress. The building will probably be under roof in early Feb. After this point, weather becomes less of an issue. The 2019-2020 school calendar is on hold until February to ensure that the school can be more confident with the building delivery/move-in date.
- ii. Knights' Fund: Sara Lay- LNC identified 3 very important goals for the Invest with Excellence campaign (i.e. upgrade buses, change public entry to the MS and install a vestibule for increased safety, and shade structure at HS. We got the brochures in today and are taking a segmented approach in reaching out to people based on past giving.
- iii. End of the month is the deadline for the empty board position. This process is ongoing and the Board is trying to target an individual with a strong finance background. The nominating committee hopes to have a recommendation in March.

### **V. New Business**

- A. Teacher Recommendation: Mr. Hirsh had to resign due to family reasons; however, we have found a replacement from NC State, Elizabeth Coleman.

***Motion to approve new staff by Thom McElroy; Ricky Jones seconds; motion carries.***

***Motion to adjourn by Rick Buckler; Stephanie Painter seconds; motion carries.***