



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes  
**Open Meeting Minutes**  
January 4, 2018

## **General Meeting**

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

*Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Steve Jones*

## **Review of December Minutes**

***Motion to approve the December 2017 minutes by Ricky Jones; Jennifer Johnson seconds, motion carries.***

### **I. Support Group Update**

- A. PTO: December cookie walks, gifts to staff. Planning next school year now.
- B. Athletic Boosters: Matt Schlegel, Athletic Director, honored two State Championship teams from this fall. Mrs. Locke **Cheerleading:** (19 girls) Won medium varsity division. Out of 150 teams, they were in the top 4 percent. Two national bids were offered, but will not attend nationals this year. **Women's Cross Country:** Conference, Regional and State champions. This is the second state title for the women's cross-country team. Several students named All Conference. Three girls made all region.

### **II. Superintendent's Report:**

- A. We are in week ten of the lottery at 4,924 applicants; that is up 900 from last year and we have three weeks left.
- B. We are trying hard as a Charter School group to get a lobbyist group together so that we have a unified voice to represent charters in Raleigh. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month, we will be meeting with potential lobbyist candidates and are working with about nine other schools.
- C. The Office of Charter Schools released the 2017 charter school Performance Framework, the report card the school uses to measure the charter school (education, policy, etc.). This is a yearly process. We are 100% compliant.
- D. On January 16, Shannon will meet with the Lt Governor to talk about charter school issues and strategies moving forward regarding state policies to support charter schools.

### **III. Finance Update:**

- A. Bond Financing Update - Rick: Could not get this done in the month of December. Phone call before Christmas was productive. Many covenant items were signed off on. Bond pricing was earlier today. Swap termination will happen tomorrow. Closing on January 9. We will also be going through the credit rating process to ensure that we are investor grade and maintain some of the covenants we desire. We have everything we need for this. Rick Butler says that the finance team as a whole has done an exceptional job; specifically Shannon and Haley.
- B. 2016-2017 Audit Timeline (Haley): Potter and Company says that our audit was

submitted on Nov 30 and should be finalized in the next few weeks.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **Committee Reports**

- A. Campus Master Planning: The elementary GMP came in \$2 million over what we expected, so we pulled back a bit with the Green project to bring the cost down while we work with the builder to try to value engineer the project. GLWilson providing weekly updates so that we can ensure that we are all on the same page and making appropriate progress towards the project.
- B. Knight's Fund: There was a lot of activity from the RISE Together campaign. They are still calculating, so the Board members can expect an update early next week. It is looking positive. Many gifts came in for Invest in Excellence. Holiday Card Campaign, where elementary school kids personalized the holiday cards to their loved ones, helped bring in grandparent support to the school community.
- C. Technological Agility: The group will be focusing on the question, "How do we make sure we are developing students who are able to use a variety of technology?" The group did not meet in December. They are looking into possibly making changes to the technology survey and what is the big thing they want to take away from the technology usage.
- D. Engagement: Teachers, two parents from each of the schools and Sara Lay are on the committee. 93% of the families say that we promote and provide opportunities to get involved. This committee is about bringing the sense of community back. The reason is: Serve<sup>10</sup> hours event participation is declining, annual campaign participation and Booster participation has declined. On the survey, we will add a question about community family feel. Right now, it seems to be all about academics. We will also add a question about what the obstacles are that are keeping people from engaging. We will be targeting all groups: perspective families, alumni, current families. There will be 4 subcommittees: Education Awareness Initial Engagement and Training, Extracurricular (offering opportunities at sports, drama, etc. to bring people together and make them rallying points), and 20-year Anniversary. This is the planning year (17/18) and we will launch this next year (18/19). Possibly look at the three schools and how the interaction and participation is different at each school.
- E. Global Diversity & Inclusion: Teacher program committee will be providing training to staff next month. The Board will participate in a module during the February governance session. There will be a monthly calendar that will pinpoint each month's targeted topics. Sherry Latten and Mary Anne Rogowski will attend a half day "train the trainer" Deliberate Dialogue session.

#### **V. New Business:**

- A. 2018-2019 School Calendar: Stakeholders gave input on the calendar. There are 4 programmed E-Learning days. There are 180 days in the calendar. The dates and holidays are close to CMS'. Last year we talked about other world religions and this year we did accommodate Rosh Hashanah. We did look at some Hindu dates as well. There was an increase in attendance when we held the E-Learning day on a Tuesday prior to a break.

***Motion to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar by Rick Butler, seconded by Jennifer Johnson; motion passes.***

B. Board Committee Assignments: Board members will serve as co-chairs of the different Strategic and newly identified committees, as well as standing committees.

Ricky Jones: College Readiness & Audit

Stephanie Painter: Knights Fund

Jennifer Johnson: Engagement

Thom McElroy: Technological Agility

Sherry Latten: Global Diversity and Inclusion

Steve Jones: Campus Master Planning

Anna Blackwelder: Policy & Leadership

Rick Buckler: Finance

***Motion to approve the committee assignments by Thom McElroy and seconded by Sherry Latten; motion passes.***

***Motion to adjourn by Thom McElroy and seconded by Ricky Jones; motion passes.***

***Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.***