



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes
Open Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2016

General Meeting & Governance

Attending: Kevin Lambert – Board Chair, Anna Blackwelder, Cynthia Bush, Ricky Jones, Steve Jones, Mike Putman, Sherry Latten, Thomas McElroy, Kyle Burkey, Shannon Stein - Superintendent

Call to order to move to an open session at 6:03 PM by Kevin Lambert

I. Governance

- A. Strategic Financial Planning

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the December 3, 2015 minutes by Cynthia Bush, seconded by Sherry Latten, motion carries.

III. Support Organizations

- A. PTO:

- i. The holiday gifting program went well. Each teacher was presented with a gift card to his or her favorite store after LNC families donated to the effort.
- ii. The spring allotment for each teacher will be \$200.
- iii. Friday, Jan. 29th is the next teacher luncheon.
- iv. The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday.

- B. Athletic Boosters:

- i. Losing several people from the board, so they are out and recruiting people and having them shadow so they are ready for next year.
- ii. Wells Fargo Cup – Currently Charter is number one in the Big South conference. Charter is third for the 2A conference; one point behind second place. Matt is hoping for a strong finish for winter and spring sports.
- iii. In the very beginning stages of the realignment for the conference. Matt is hoping Charter will go back to the Lincoln conferences rather than remain in the Gaston County 2A/3A split conference.

IV. Financial Report

- A. Next month, Harrella will present the second quarter amendments to the board and the auditors will present the 2014-2015 audit findings.
- B. Looking into a new insurance provider who is about \$10,000 cheaper and can provide about a million dollars more in legal coverage.

V. Superintendent's Report

- A. April 16th will be Casino Night. It will be at the Charles Mack Center in Mooresville.
- B. Two PD days coming up.
 - i. January 22nd – Fresh Take Conference
 - ii. February 11th – E-Learning & PD Day
 - iii. AP & Service Learning Project presented by Cara Matocha
 - a. Ms. Matocha's AP Art History course will participate in a pilot program offered by the College Board to link AP classes with service learning. Students will take on one local or national action and one global action, drive the activity, implement his or her plan, create a portfolio to record data, and present the results. To earn the service learning recognition, students have to have at least 10 hours in-class and commit to 20 hours of service outside of class.

VI. Old Business

- A. Cross-Cultural – Sub committees are getting together to start planning for the second semester.
- B. Technology – Pushed out iPad replace recently and are looking into the best device to use to replace the SmartBoards. Scott has heard from teachers that they want a simple device that will allow students to project their work on the board for collaboration. Looking to send out communication about the increase in the breakage of the devices. They are hoping to lower the cost of the replacement parts, and are looking into the overall carelessness or lifespan of the device issues to as to why they are breaking. They are turning over at least 10 iPads a day on repairs and 78 devices and 21 keyboards were broken in November.
- C. Strategic Planning Committees – None
- D. Living the Mission – Last year the students completed a survey about leadership and the results were not enough – no detail behind it. The administration instead held student focus groups (different grades, gender specific, different types of students) where they asked about specific leadership skills. This allowed for open communication that did indeed indicate Charter is living the mission. Their next step is to have student-led groups and use Mr. Smith's Twitter chats as a way to explore other ideas. They are also looking into getting a banner with the portrait of an LNC graduate on it for each classroom – multiple touch points.

- E. College Counseling – Trying to get information from the Boy Scouts about the Explorers program. They hope to have more information next month.
- F. Elementary Planning
 - i. The zoning package is in, and the engineer is working with Gary Knox on water and sewage facilities.
 - ii. Will hold a zoning meeting in the spring to discuss future plans and allow the community to learn more about the project.
 - iii. Done with our due diligence (Phase 1) for land purchase for elementary property.
 - iv. There is a lot of space, so potential for many other items.

VII. New Business

- A. Discussion about the timeline of the construction of the back entrance was tabled until February to give the Board a chance to have more accurate data on the current fundraising efforts through the Knight's Fund.

Before a motion to adjourn is called, Thomas McElroy asks about the new hiring process for the high school principal. Shannon shared that Ricky Jones is heading the committee that includes two parents, two students, three admin, as well as Mr. Jones. Twenty applications have come in and they hope to start the interview process in late January and have a hiring recommendation by March.

Thomas McElroy motions to end to the meeting, Kyle Burkey seconds, motion carries and meeting ends at 8:09 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Ricky Jones with assistance by Danielle Derwich