

Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

Open Meeting Minutes July 13, 2017

General Meeting

<u>Attending</u>: Steve Jones, Sherry Latten, Ricky Jones, Kyle Burkey, Jennifer Johnson, Rick Buckler, Stephanie Painter, Shannon Stein - Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Steve Jones

Approval of June Minutes

Motion to approve the June 2017 minutes by Ricky Jones, Sherry Latten seconds, motion carries.

I. Support Organization

- A. PTO:
 - i. Distribution Aug 9th; more information to come
 - ii. One change is that Distribution Day will be held in the HS Gym for all LNC families, split alphabetically for students they will get technology then as well.
- B. Athletic Boosters: July 31st fall sports begin; Wells Fargo Cup finished in 2nd place last school year

II. Superintendent's Report

- A. High School Student Council Presentation (Students: 2 New student leaders Sydney Thorne-Student Body President; Charanya Uppalapati Sr. Class Vice President)
 - i. Sara Lay had an advertisement to congratulate recent graduates with our stats, and included schools they will attend.
 - ii. There will be no financial report because they are in process of finishing 16-17 financials and splitting operating budgets between buildings. It will be available next month.
 - iii. HS Principal: Craig Smith: HS AP Testing reports:
 - a) AP Exam results had a July 5 release. LNC continues to improve proficiency which is defined by earning a 3,4, or 5. We increased to 82.32 % proficient. Five subjects had 100% proficiency: Biology, Earth Science, US Government, Studio Art 3D, and Drawing Portfolio. Biology national pass rate is 64%; we were 100%. Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Statistics, and studio art had a 90% proficiency rate. 11 subjects had a difference of 20% with the national average, nine had 30%, and five had 40% higher than the national average. LNCS had 523 out of 636 testers in the proficient range. This is an increase from past years. We have more kids taking the tests (increase of 81 test takers), and more being proficient. Success on these tests is shared with all of the teachers in the building. Rick: How many students enrolled take exams? Smith estimates over 80% of students taking the tests Jennifer Johnson: Are there any advertisements about these scores? Twitter, blog, social media by teachers, Charlotte Observer releases all, we share when we can. Last year we had a 52% proficiency in Earth/Environmental course, this year 100% with new teacher. This was also the

first time the US Honors students could take the AP exam and they out-performed the national average in US History.

III. Finance Update

None this month

IV. Old Business

- A. Strategic Planning Committees
 - i. Memo from Michelle Holland. First staff meeting was June 20. Teams have already started planning for the year and materials are arriving. Teachers will mail out Welcome Letters shortly and Open house will be on August 1-3rd in the MS. Another Open House in the building will be on Aug 16 from 9-12 so students and parents can see the building prior to opening school. Due to rain we are slowed in moving in. Thank you HS for letting us live there longer and MS for letting us have the open house at your building. Thank you everyone for your support.
 - ii. Scott Able Reports: Rain Fall for elementary construction. We lost 6 weeks of potential construction time. We have set up a plan. Progress- we will have city water tomorrow or Monday. Passed electric and authorized for temporary power maybe Tuesday. Paving started today. Hambright widening will begin tomorrow. Still struggling with Pedula, but they are doing everything to catch up. They will still need to do the carpool drive after the widening. All concrete for sidewalks and interior areas will be done tomorrow. Keeping vendors on task has been a challenge. School will open and we cannot be pushed back like a homeowner can-daily struggle for Scott. Another struggle will not guarantee power Tuesday because of storms. We may have to push back the landscaping because of the heat now and no irrigation. Upcoming: Final plumbing, fire inspection. TCO-petitioning for Temporary Operating so that teachers can enter to get rooms set up. Ricky Jones-spoke to Ms. Holland about the rain and having the right image on Day 1. All positive that we will get there.
 - iii. Campus Master Planning update Schlegel: gym at elementary and field house update. Narrowed it to 2 architect firms/builders to discuss this. We have a builder we like and an architect we like. We are in the process to see if we can get them paired together as quickly as we can. Steve Jones has confidence in both this architect and builder. Working on the contracts and how this will work with them together. The time frames seem to be good for both and the committee will be working on developing a contract for the Board's consideration.

V. New Business

- A. Staff Recommendations:
 - i. Smith Recommendations: Michael Porter-HS Counselor, Marcus Funchess-HS AP
 - ii. Graham Recommendations: All positions are now filled: Brian Bauer- MS AP, 5th grade Teachers: Marie Sarazin (language arts), Lindsey In (5th grade math/science); Tracie Maas (6th grade science)
 - iii. Lon Chang Recommends: Mr. Cox from Davidson College

Ricky Jones motions to approve the new staff recommendations, Rick Buckler seconds; motion carries.

B. Bond Resolution: Rick explained that we will incur some costs with the bond refinancing but it will not affect the operating cash flow and the resolution's purpose is to allow LNC to recoup those cost from the bond proceeds.

Ricky Jones motions to approve the LNC reimbursement bond resolution, Sherry Latten seconds;

motion passes

C. We would like to continue our relationship with Potter and Co as our auditor. The audit committee recommends approval of the engagement letter and contract.

Kyle Burkey motions to approve the auditor engagement letter and contract, Ricky Jones seconds; motion passes

D. Student Handbook: The policy committee reviewed the LNC handbooks to reduce redundancy, limit wordiness, and put policies in areas where they were a better fit. Technology Committee helped consolidate the tech portions of the student handbook. After the review there is a new handbook. No changes of policies, but an overall update to the handbook. Counsel reviewed some areas, including the Search and seizure policy. The policy committee recommends approval the student handbook in its entirety this evening so it may be available by the 11th of August so that parents and students can have access. The leadership program section will be updated and brought to the board for review and approval at the next board meeting.

Stephanie Painter motions to approve the student handbook, Jennifer Johnson seconds; motion passes

Motion to adjourn by Ricky Jones, seconded by Sherry Latten; motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm