



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting  
**March Open Board Meeting Minutes**  
*March 7, 2019*

General Meeting

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

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

**Approval of Minutes**

***Motion to approve February minutes by Jennifer; McElroy seconds; motion carries.***

**I. Support Group Update**

- A. PTO: Staff Appreciation week. Luncheons, take home dinner, power up, breakfast. Father-Daughter dance at the Elementary. Went very well. \$1,200 profit from the dance. Coffee Chats next week. Yearbooks are wrapping up. Registration nights are beginning and PTO will assist with it.
- B. Athletic Boosters: Spring Sports started.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Club Day at the Elementary School: Holland: This is held during the school day. One of the clubs is Campus Beautification. They are sharing what they are doing for the 20th year. They created a rock garden, a lantern project, murals with chalk, shared the picture they painted to hang in the front office of the school.
- B. Mr. Funchess had the opportunity to attend the NC School of Math and Science. Because of his connection, we have a new opportunity. There will be 10 interactive conferencing classes offered, all honors level classes, and so far 6 students (rising seniors) have signed up and met the correct criteria. We can have 8 students per class. They will take two classes per year at this point. There is teacher contact with these classes, they are not just virtual. Eventually it will be opened up to juniors and seniors.
- C. Bauer: June 7th will be the annual golf trip for LNCS. This will be marketed at Boots, Bulls and BBQ. Discounted prices for the staff. They will have room for 120 golfers. There will be a meal included and it will be captain style.
- D. We joined the NC Coalition of Public Charter Schools. Timing is good. We need a voice and presence here and Stein was elected to the board to make sure we are lobbying for the things we want for education. They have been able to hire three lobbyists to promote our agenda.
- E. Round table at UNCC to get a specific group of people and educator leaders together. They were figuring out what skills people need in the workplace and how are K-12 preparing people for the future. They are looking for "Soft Skills:" working together, collaboration, applying knowledge. Challenges are actually finding educators and opening the scope with the CCP program for the kids.

**III. Old Business**

- A. Committee Reports
  - i. Campus Master Planning/Construction: Scott: Construction has been going well with the dry weather they got. The main roof is done now and the gym roof will be done by

the end of next week and they will be dried in. They are still on track for their deadline.

- ii. Knights' Fund: Invest in Excellence has gone up \$25,000 since last month. Our goal is \$200,000 and we are more than halfway there. For the RISE Together campaign, we are at \$494,000. March 23rd Boots, Bulls, and BBQ. We are at almost 500 people attending. A chunk of this number is staff. There are more staff attending than ever before and it is evenly distributed between all of the schools. Still looking for the silent auction.
- iii. Technology & Innovation: They will produce an annual report that states how we are using technology, the innovation, digital citizenship, trends (where are things going with technology and how can we invest intelligently?) The goal is to have this report go out to teachers, parents and students once it is complete. It is in the draft stage now. Funding and investing funding, rotating and repair process for the students has been figured out. This will hopefully be passed on to the school administrative staff who are on the committee next year now that a process has been put in place.
- iv. Engagement: Winners of the MS and HS 20th year video contest.
- v. Global Diversity & Inclusion: Panel of women leaders will be coming to speak. Teacher development side has the second diversity training ready to go with a pilot. 1 hour online and 2 ½ hours face to face. All about bias. Both courses will launch next year.
- vi. School-Life Balance: Survey was sent out for 6-12 and alumni. 1,362 responses on the survey. The committee is looking at the data for trends and after analysis they will bring the information to the board. There has also been a lot of discussion about class ranking. This will be a discussion at the board retreat.
- vii. Whole-Child: Lots of research has been done by looking at companies, universities, other school, internet research. There was a split with two potential aspects: Environment and how to create a safe, engaged, challenging, supportive and healthy environment AND Learning Environment Philosophy: academic, social, creative. New conversations will happen about what is a good fit for LNC and what we may want to bring to the table.
- viii. Leadership: 9th and 10th graders will be in workshops next week. This will be the last leadership day this school year. They will reach out to the teachers to see how close students are to having all of their reflections created. There will be a committee meeting at the end of the year to plan for the next school year. Surveys have been finalized to send out to the students.

#### **IV. New Business:**

- A. Athletic Eligibility Guideline Change: This will apply to clubs, plays, and athletics. Move to a 2.0 with no F's instead of a 2.5 with no F's. This is a weighted GPA. Discussion about the unintended consequences of lowering this GPA was discussed.

***Motion to approve Athletic Eligibility Guideline change by Burkey; R. Jones seconds; In Favor – 3(Burkey, R. Jones, & Blackwelder); Opposed – 5 (McElroy, Latten, Painter, S. Jones, & Buckler); Abstain – 1 (Johnson)***

- B. HB514: The legislation that allows the forming of Charter Schools. Huntersville is moving in this direction. They are interested in partnerships with schools in the area. We believe they will approach LNCS.

***Motion that we move forward with forming a committee to research HB514 and by R. Jones - seconded by Buckler; motion passes.***

C. Board Nomination Recommendation: We had 21 candidates for the board opening.

***Motion to approve Jared Tilley for one of the upcoming Board vacancies by McElroy; seconded by R. Jones; motion passes.***

***Motion to adjourn @ 8:37 pm by Johnson; Buckler seconds; motion carries.***