



**Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting
Open Board Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2020**

General Meeting

Attending: Ricky Jones, Shannon Stein-superintendent, Sherry Latten, Jennifer Johnson, Jared Tilley, Anna Blackwelder, Ridgley Chapman, Stephanie Painter, Thom McElroy, Rick Buckler

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Ricky Jones.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January minutes by Latten; Johnson seconds; motion carries.

Public Comments:

Vanessa Green: Dress Code- her daughter's first year being here and she is impressed with the dress code that is in place. She likes that the dress code teaches kids what is appropriate and it creates a respectful appearance. She feels it does help eliminate some poor behaviors and this teaches them a skill which is linked to their attire.

I. Support Group Update

- A. PTO: Molly Drouin, Middle School PTO president: ES had the father-daughter dance; 350 people attended. This week is staff appreciation week at all three schools. Coffee chats and donuts with dads and muffins with moms at ES coming up and a mother-daughter brunch will be up and coming in April. April 6 will be the final PTO meeting of the year.
- B. Athletics: Winter sports is wrapped up and spring sports started on Monday. All teams have played one game or match.

II. Superintendent's Report:

- A. Advisory committee: the state is looking at potentially using MAPS testing to remove some of the current End of Grade testing. Even if this does not happen, the stat standards will be revamped K-12.
- B. Casie won the Teacher of the Year State Champion and the Huntersville/Lake Norman Teacher of the Year.
- C. Many phishing emails have been sent out to the entire staff. The tech team has done a great job of being proactive and educating the staff.
- D. Dress code committee reached out to ask for more time after going through all of the survey data. They are reviewing best practice and will be ready to present at the next board meeting.
- E. National Read Across America Week. At the ES it was dress up week. Every day this week the kids dressed up.
- F. Digital Citizenship class presenting at NCTIES: Student video design. They are talking to leaders across the state about what they do in the class. We also send teachers to the conference each year to learn more about technology and bring back ideas.
- G. COVID-19: We need to prepare. Here is what we are doing at LNCS: Sent out information once. Information comes from NC State school board and Mecklenburg County. Currently, the janitorial staff had a lesson on how to best clean for diseases. They use a hospital grade disinfectant. Teachers are wiping off all surfaces in the room and janitorial staff is as well each

evening. Teachers have Clorox wipes in the classroom. Mrs. Shipman is the contact person with the Mecklenburg County Health Department. She is educating the 7th and 8th grade about viruses and bacteria. She used glitter to share how germs are spread and how to accurately wash hands. The other grade levels will also be taught the same lessons. We also have E-Learning in place if we had to close down for a while for a full disinfect. The discussion of a paradigm shift if we had to do this for a longer time is happening. Over spring break there are some out of the country field trips. If there is a protocol holding people in the US or out of Washington, we will cancel trips. Finally, we are looking at how to handle student illnesses and keep kids from infecting others. Protocol is in place. School policy is if a child has a fever, they should stay home and be fever free for 24 hours before returning. The board feels the school should take this opportunity to over communicate with families about illness and travel.

- H. The board wants to extend a thank you to the teachers at the school. They appreciate the teachers.

III. Old Business:

A. Committee Reports

- i. Campus Master Planning/ ELEVATE LNC Update: CONTRACT: Turf, track, MS improvements, press box, and field house: the committee is asking for \$.7M more for this project. Press Box and Field House need immediate attention because of a deck issue. (\$.3M more for track/turf, \$.2M MS Office, \$.2M Press Box.) Sprint Turf Contract has been reviewed and has been sent back for review. Hopefully this will be done soon. Interior office contract has been sent back after lots of review (lawyers, etc...); we will hear back in a few days. MS Parking lot main drive contract: Got our bids in for this project and we are under budget in this area. We will be asking for approval for this tonight. The companies can meet our deadlines. The committee is ASKING for \$.7M to cover MS entrance, interior upfit, press box, and field house. LNCS' risk is \$800,000, which is the pledged - collected as of today.

Motion to approve increase in funding by Tilly, seconded by Johnson; motion approved.

- ii. Global Diversity & Inclusion: Mix it Up day was a huge success. This was all about encouraging students to interact with others they usually do not interact with.
- iii. Engagement: 4th grade Book Study has launched. They will continue to work on their initiatives.
- iv. Leadership: Monday will be the 6th session at the HS. 10th grade will learn the 5th skill, 9th and 11th will have a writing workshop. A survey was sent out at the beginning of this week at the HS and the MS. Advisors are also being surveyed. An INC can be given for leadership. This has will be communicated to parents and students.

IV. New Business

- A. Elementary Summer Reading Camp Approval: The state of NC provides funding for a reading camp for kids 1-3rd grade who are not proficient in reading. This is a half-day camp and is three weeks. Staff members are the teachers. 8-1:00.

Motion to approve the Elementary Summer Reading Program funded by the state by McElroy, seconded by Tilly; motion approved.

- B. Elevate Capital Project Contracts:

Motion to move to a closed session 8:32 PM by Buckler, seconded by Painter; motion approved.

V. Closed Session

Motion to move into open session by Latten; Painter seconds; motion approved.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's Employment Agreement by Buckler; McElroy seconds; motion approved.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM by Chapman, seconded by Johnson; seconds; motion approved.