



Lake Norman Charter Open Board Meeting Minutes
March Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024
7:00 PM Eastern Time

General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-Superintendent, Craig Randall, Amy Carr, Gray Morris, Nicole Benford, Elizabeth Timkovich, Ridgley Chapman, Michael Eastwood

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Amy Carr.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

The February meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous consent vote.

- I. **Public Comment:** A parent (Mr. Richard King) spoke about the importance of parental involvement and communication between the school and the parents at every grade level.
- II. **Support Group Update**
 - A. PTO -
 1. The PTO is getting ready for the “Knight of Shenanigans” event. They recently funded playground shade and a gaga ball pit at the elementary school, in addition to upgrading that school’s teacher workrooms. They also purchased new furniture for the ES and MS. Staff appreciation week will be April 29-May 3.
 - B. Athletic Boosters -
 1. Swim Teams did amazingly well at the state competitions. Men won 2nd overall, and the women won the state championship. Spring sports started and are going well.
- III. **State/School Report**
 - A. Scholastic Art Awards: Avian Cannon, Raymond Lin, Reyna Lin, Olivia Wardlow and Charley Weaver won Regional Scholastic awards. Their artwork is in the Mint Museum through April 14. Raymond won for his design. Olivia won a silver key and an honorable mention; Charley won a gold key; Reyna won an honorable mention, a gold key, and a silver key; Avian won a portfolio gold key and the Biscuit Award, as well as single awards of 3 gold keys and an honorable mention. In addition, she is an American Vision Nominee.
 - B. Ms. Matocha’s and Ms. Hale’s art classes created all of the decorations for the “Under the Sea” father/daughter dance at the elementary school. The class also discussed life skills they developed while working on this project. Examples include collaboration, creativity, adaptability, problem solving, etc.
 - C. Ms. Stein thanked everyone for the ways everyone stepped up during the two bomb threats that occurred this past month.
 - D. Tai Stephen, a senior who created the “Fishbowl” activity to bridge the gap with diversity, is a finalist for the NHS scholarship. He will be traveling to Washington DC over spring break.
 - E. Lon Chang is piloting Chrome books with rising 9th grade students.
 - F. Each year every charter school has to demonstrate performance in different areas such as: Title 1, growth numbers, policies, English as a second language, etc. LNC did very well on this and is setting goals moving forward while tracking data in various areas.
 - G. Fundraising:

1. The Knight of Shenanigans event will take place March 16-17.
2. The Knights Fund will kick off shortly. All three of the projects are places and spaces outside of the traditional classroom for LNC students. There will be an adventure course at the ES. At the MS there will be a fun play space at the hill with sliding and climbing activities. At the HS they will upgrade the courtyard into the Knight's Plaza. This will have 3 zones: the Chill/relax zone; 6-foot walkway spike ball, corn hole, pickleball, and other recreational activities; and a productivity area with electrical outlets. LNC will raise the money for this, and then spend it. These will be the three targets of the Knight's Fund.

IV. Annual Investment Report:

- A. PNC guest, Mr. Wil King, provided an update on the annual investments, LNC portfolio, and how it has performed over the past year. This was a positive year from a return perspective. As of December 31, the portfolio has over 5 million dollars. The portfolio has two components: the treasury bill purchase, which was a secure investment, and the long-term investments LNC made since 2021. LNC improved some of the bond quality, the size of the firms for stocks, and bought stocks in line with LNC targets to help protect against risks.

V. Old Business:

- A. IDE&A:
 1. IDE&A held various sessions in the high school based on students' grade levels (9-12) this past month. There was 80-90% participation in these modules at the HS.
 2. There is a strong community and LNC partnership between UNCC, NAACP, and BSU.
 3. In the MS there was trivia each Friday based on Black History Month. The ES did bookmarks for 13 famous Black Americans, which were passed out. They also discussed sports, inventors and scientists. Upcoming, the committee will be supporting Tai Stephen's in facilitating his Fishbowl activity in March.
- B. THRIVE:
 1. The Career Speaker Series at the HS works to align students with one of their top 3 career choices from the career survey. In the MS there will be a Career Day with 15 presenters on March 18 and a Career Club series. In the future, the career days will be in collaboration with the MS.
 2. The committee has also been working on student recognition and leadership. Students will submit a narrative for the Knights Student Leadership Award. There will be a cord at graduation for this award.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.