



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

**Open Meeting Minutes**

*March 3, 2016*

**General Meeting**

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

**Meeting Called to Order by Kevin Lambert at 7:02 PM**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the February board minutes

***Motion by Steve Jones, seconded by Ricky Jones to approve the February minutes, motion passed.***

**II. Public Comments**

- A. Ms. Symes spoke about moving the 2017 graduation and future graduation dates to a non-Saturday event due to religious reasons.

**III. Support Organization**

- A. PTO: The PTO is getting ready for staff appreciation, and they received the lunch program money raised by school clubs and athletics. Athletic Boosters – \$8,800; Senior Class \$2,500; Band – \$2,400, MS Band 5,900; PTO – \$22,000.
- B. Athletic Boosters:
- i. Winter sports wrapped up and the swim team finished 4<sup>th</sup> for the girls and 6<sup>th</sup> for the boys. Andrea Gardner, Carole Fish and Reegan finished first in the relay team event. Reegan won the 100 breast stroke.
  - ii. The girls' basketball team made it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round in states and overall 2<sup>nd</sup> in their conference. The boys' basketball team finished in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of state playoffs and received 1<sup>st</sup> in their conference.
  - iii. Spring sports are beginning and special thanks to Warren Colby and Scott Abel for getting the bathroom trailer up and ready.
  - iv. Tomorrow Scott and Matt will be looking at two buses to purchase for \$5,000.
  - v. Recognized the increased school spirit and relationship with Student Council this year. They helped with half-time show games.

- vi. The boosters are getting ready to say goodbye to some members and welcome some new faces to the committee.
- vii. The Grand Night Life Give Away will be a limited raffle ticket fundraiser and \$3,000 of that money will go to the winner and the other amount will go to the future capital funds for booster club.
- viii. At the end of January, they celebrated the coaches as a way to say thank-you.

#### **IV. Finance Update**

- A. Knights Fund Update - Knight's Fund is currently at \$235,000, which is money in hand as well as verbal and written commitments and corporate matches that have not been processed yet. Forty-five families who contributed are families that give on a continuous basis. At the July meeting Sara will have the final count. As of now, 180 tickets have been sold for Casino Night, and 5,000 in sponsorship money.

#### **V. Superintendent's Report**

- A. The high school now has two signs thanks to the Senior Class Council donation. One sign is on the front of the HS building and the other sign on the front of the HS gym.
- B. Ms. Stein attended the North Carolina Technology in Education Symposium (NCTIES) today in Raleigh where some of our students and staff presented.
- C. Representative Bradford will be coming to see our civic classes on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Families who were selected in the lottery have been notified. Registration will be happening the next two weeks for those students.
- E. Ms. Stein wishes good luck to Brandon Brown who will interview this upcoming week for the Teacher of the Year, and he will find out first week of April if he won.
- F. The Alliance and Charter schools are merging into one group now.
- G. E-Learning Results
  - I. MS and HS Parent Survey Results: (out of 460 responses) 2% for unsuccessful, 10% needed more time to complete, 94% would complete the day as an E-Learning day, 88% would like to do this for a half-day.
  - II. MS Student Survey: (out of 741 responses), 86% successful, 46% liked how the teachers explained the assignment before E-Learning day, 42% liked having work all in one folder, 11% assignments like these were already done in class, so they were familiar to them, 50% did not have any issues, 12% had a hard time following the schedule and being distracted at home, 23% had Internet problems, 73% were able to complete assignments in the time given, and 81% would like to be use this as an E-Learning day in the future.
  - III. HS Student Survey: (under 500 kids), 95.6% said it was successful, 85% would have an E-Learning day rather than a half day, 84% would rather have an E-Learning day for weather related cancellations.

- IV. Craig Smith was impressed by how the teachers pushed themselves to get ready for the day and found that taking attendance will have to be streamlined in the future.
- V. The plan for next year's half-day PD (Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>) is to do an E-Learning day.

## VI. Old Business

### A. Strategic Planning Committees

- i. Cross Cultural – Scheduled to meet but due to scheduling conflicts they will now meet twice this month. They are busy looking at where the group has come since its conception. On Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> they will set some short term and long term goals, and on March 15<sup>th</sup> StuCo will come in and talk about the work they are doing. They are engaging in activity developing a series of diversity modules right now.
- ii. College Counseling - Dr. George Gately will be here on March 8<sup>th</sup> to hold the College Application Seminar. There will be a college information night for parents of students with disabilities - Rachel Hunt, daughter of former governor Jim Hunt, will do this on March 16<sup>th</sup> in the MPR. They are looking to put a college-specific calendar together, as well as a forum board/message board where all stakeholders can share their knowledge and experience about college and the process. The calendar and message board are currently in an exploration period.
- iii. Technology – Jamie and Sara did a verbal survey with staff about what they would like to see in their classrooms and what is and is not working for them currently. The breakage rates have gone up with the iPads. So far 200 iPads have been broken and \$24,000 in damages have been spent. By the end of the school year, looking to see close to \$50,000 in damages spent. There is a \$75.00 flat rate regardless of the problem.
- iv. Living the Mission - Excited about the upcoming surveys, which will give the group repeat data to analyze. Mr. Zamara is working with the students on a Twitter chat about leadership in April.
- v. Elementary School Update – A zoning meeting was held to address further needs of the residents. On April 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a public hearing with a more technical side about the zoning issues. By May 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a vote. Ms. Stein hopes to share how the presentation went for the zoning meeting with the board at their board retreat.

## VII. New Business

- A. Shannon makes a recommendation to hire Craig Smith as the high school principal.

***Motion by Anna Blackwelder seconded by Ricky Jones to recommend Craig Smith as Lake Norman Charter's High School Principal; motion passed.***

- B. Shannon makes a recommendation to purchase the trailers from Carmel Baptist for \$100,000 with a zoning contingency.

***Motion by Cynthia Bush to purchase the trailers from Carmel Baptist with a zoning contingency; Mike Putman seconds, motion carries***

***Motion to adjourn by Mike Putman, second by Kyle Burkey, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM***

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