



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting
May Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2021
07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-superintendent, Rick Buckler, Jennifer Johnson, Jared Tilley, Stephanie Painter, Leslie Fogarty, Ridgely Chapman, Amy Carr, Greg Kilpatrick, Elizabeth Timkovich

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Rick Buckler

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the March 22, 2021 minutes by Amy Carr; Jared Tilley seconds; motion carries.

Motion to approve the March 29, 2021 minutes by Leslie Fogarty; Ridgely Chapman seconds; motion carries.

Motion to approve the April 15, 2021 minutes by Jennifer Johnson; Greg Kilpatrick seconds; motion carries.

Motion to approve the Jan. 2021 closed session student appeal minutes by Amy Carr; Elizabeth Timkovich seconds; motion carries.

Motion to approve the Jan 2021 Closed session: Superintendent Professional Review minutes by Jennifer Johnson; Ridgely Chapman seconds; motion carries.

I. PTO/Athletic Updates:

- A. Cinco de Mayo celebration for the whole staff was a huge success. Food trucks for dessert and a taco bar for teachers. Lots of fun, piñatas, group gathering outside.
- B. **Athletic update:** Wrapping up season 6 of the HS and starting season 7. MS season ended last week. All games were played with a few exceptions due to weather. Post season: Women's soccer advanced to 3rd round, men's tennis team had a great season. They did not do team playoffs, Sean Huynh will go to regionals tomorrow as an individual competitor; men's and women's golf will go to the state championship next week. Track/field, baseball, women's tennis are in season right now.

II. School/State Update:

- A. Brandon Brown just got an award through the Gilder Lehrman Institute for History Innovations in teaching. This is a national recognition.
- B. June 14th board meeting is in person.
- C. US World News and Report: #1 HS recognized in Mecklenburg Co and Top 2% in state and nation.
- D. Curtis Kendrick: Mathletes-These students have been meeting on Wednesdays in the Zoom Rooms and on Zoom to review math. Students did incredible! LNCS won the competition and they received an invite to another competition and won there as well. This was against all of the top high schools in the area. We were able to put 18 students to the national competition. Looking forward to next year and getting to attend the competitions missed this year due to COVID. Three high school students work with the state math team.
- E. **Staffing Recommendation:** New hire for a 4th grade position. Shelley Divito will transfer to a technology position, so her 4th grade position will be filled by an alumni, Sierra Wiley, this is

her 4th year teaching.

- F. **Global Diversity and Inclusion:** Women's History Month: How have women at LNCS impacted you? Students shared their responses about what educators in this building have done for them.

III. Financial Update

A. **Budget Amendment:** Hayley Wilson:

1. **3rd Quarter Financial Update:** COVID Funding- The Federal and State government are providing money to schools. Four pockets of money from COVID packages: American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations, Gov. Emergency Relief, COVID Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act. This funding has allowed for additional technology, EC supplemental Instruction, and Summer instruction.
2. Budget Amendments include some clean up moving money from State to Federal, COVID pay, no parking revenue, PSAT Cancellations, and custodial additions.

Motion to approve the amended budget by Jared Tilley; seconded by Leslie Fogarty; motion carries

- B. **Investment Recommendation:** Finance Committee wants approval for funding a \$2 million initial investment to start our investing. (\$8 million on hand: hold back \$4.8 million as minimum liquidity and \$1.2 million for holdback/short term needs, INVEST \$2 million.) This account allows us to add to it, withdraw, and close the account without penalty.

1. How will the 2 million be allocated? 58% fixed income, 40% equity and 2% cash equivalents. Equity will be funded using dollar cost averaging over 6 months (1/6 each month). These investments can be done opportunistically or on a specific date each month. There is flexibility with this.
2. **Next Steps:** Board approval, set up access to PNC I-HUB system, establish authorized approvers, fund the investment account (within required approvals).

Motion to approve the investment recommendation by Elizabeth Timkovich; seconded by Greg Kilpatrick; motion carries.

IV. School Committees

A. **Safe School Committee:**

1. **State Guidelines and State Guidance:** New executive order loosening restrictions on outside activities. Metrics for the county were declining, but have gone back up. This occurred after spring break. Vaccinations: 32% of all residents have been vaccinated. (40.5% 18+). 12+ will be able to be vaccinated soon. This impacts them in school because they do not have to quarantine, so it keeps kids in school longer.
2. **LNCS School Information:** 86% of the staff is vaccinated. Many students are vaccinated and because of this do not have to quarantine.
3. **LNCS HS:** Lunch arrangements allow students to eat outside, we were allowed to have an outdoor senior prom (109 seniors attended), senior events, and a graduation at Atrium Health Ballpark in Kannapolis.
4. **LNCS MS:** 8th grade recognition (will also be live streamed), parade of seniors, lunch outdoors, and book fair.
5. **LNCS ES:** Field day (May 25), 4th and kindergarten promotion ceremony which will be live streamed & recorded for parents, book fair, End of Grade testing, end of year parties, and yearbook signings.
6. **Next Steps:** Complete the EOY. The schedule will remain for the remainder of the year. EOY testing will proceed, safe schools reporting will suspend reporting for the time being, administration will continue to monitor state guidance as they plan the 2021-2022 school

year. We will not offer a virtual option unless we are mandated to; LNCS plan is to get back to 5 days a week for full day instruction. LNCS has expanded the summer supports for the students. LNCS is partnering with NOVANT Health to offer mental/emotional support.

B. **Campus Planning/Elevate:** Committee met late March to review a document which outlines all of the projects and future projects. After reviewing, the committee realizes they need to rebid the field house. They hope to have this quote next week and reconvene. ELEVATE: LNCS is over a million in collected money. This campaign is not over yet. Exploring having a breakthrough on the bathrooms instead of using the trailer bathrooms, so we are finalizing those numbers as well. The school is looking at a piece of land for Land Banking as an investment for the future. Currently, LNCS is completing due diligence.

C. **Global Diversity and Inclusion:**

1. **Teacher Development:** Mrs. Rogowski developed the training for classroom training for equity and dialogue. Administration has completed their book study on unconscious bias in schools.
2. **Student Development:** HS: Transgender poet speaker, HS Book Study: *Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* MS: Women's Month essays, 8th grade implicit bias program. ES: Women's Month and Differently Abled, Electronic Library.
3. **Upcoming Events:** Admin continuing with book study, professional development continues to be developed, HS: Women's Panel, Application process for Diversity Council, MS: Engaging with Diversity and Abled Bodies DET and an interactive quizlet, ES: *Uniquely ME*, Children's Theatre: *My Wonderful Birthday Suit (K-2)*, Hip Hop Grimm Fairy Tales (3-4).
4. The committee will partner with the School-Life balance for several opportunities.

V. **New Business:**

A. **Elementary School Summer Reading Camp:** This is offered annually for grades 1-3. The proposal is for the program to be hosted the weeks: June 7, 14, 21; 8:00-1:00. Additional support will be offered to kindergarten and 4th graders.

Motion to approve Grades 1-3 Summer Reading Camp by Jared Tilley; seconded by Amy Carr; motion carries.

B. **Board Recommendation:** Board Treasurer position: Several applicants were interviewed for this position. Interviews were conducted in late March. Nicole Benford: CPA, LNC parent of 2, finance and audit is her strength, has experience in asset management and investments.

Motion to approve board recommendation for treasurer, Nicole Benford; all in favor; motion carries.

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to NC General Statutes § 143-318.11(a)(6) at 8:49PM by Elizabeth Timkovich; seconded by Jennifer Johnson; motion approved.