



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes
Open Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2015

General Meeting

I. Meeting Called to Order by Mike Manahan at 7:05 PM

Attending: Mike Manahan – Board Chair, Ricky Jones, Cynthia Bush, Kyle Burkey, Kevin Lambert, James Cuttino, Steve Jones, Mike Putman, Anna Blackwelder, Shannon Stein - Managing Director

II. Approval of Minutes

A. The approval of the minutes for the last meeting.

Motion by Mike Putman, seconded Kevin Lambert to approve the February minutes, motion passed

III. Support Organization

A. PTO:

1. They are finished for the year and will start back up in the fall.

B. Athletic Boosters

1. Three sports are still playing: Men's Lacrosse, Baseball, and Girls' Soccer

2. Lacrosse is in the third round of playoffs.

3. Soccer is the number one seed; first ever. They will be hosting Madison on Saturday at 5:30 PM.

4. Baseball will be traveling to Smokey Mountain on Saturday.

5. Boosters are planning the Future College Athlete Party.

IV. Public Comments – No public comments

V. Managing Director's Report

A. Introduction of Mrs. Wanda Gains who has two children here at LNC. She is on the tech committee and has served on this committee since the beginning. Shannon is honoring her specifically because she has helped facilitate a grant to help kick off the tech program and works with IBM. With her help, the school has received \$18,000 in grant money the past three years.

B. High School Student Council Presentations – Representatives from the HS Student Council shared about their service leadership work for the 2014-2016 school year.

C. Congratulations is in order for LNC. It was voted the 16th best high school in NC. There are 413 schools in NC, LNC is the 4th in charter schools, and 588 in the nation of 26,000.

D. Mrs. Elizabeth Padgett was selected as one of the 100 Most Powerful Women in Lake Norman.

- E. Some of Charter's volunteers along with other charter school parents have worked together for Bill 456 to try to repeal Hackney-Nesbitt amendment which would allow charter schools to receive more funding.
- F. Tomorrow the 6th grade and 8th grade will be participating in a video conference with scientist Robert Ballard, who has been out at sea.
- G. Joe Medley has resigned as the Director of Charter Schools.
- H. Many of our students are doing great things over the summer. One student will be interning at the United Nations, and a few are going to the Governor's School as well as participating in other summer ventures.
- I. On college acceptance day, the seniors decorated the courtyard with chalk showing pride for their college.
- J. This is the first time we have students going to some great schools, such as Duke, Cornell, and UCLA. Eleven of our students are going to UNC-Chapel Hill. Twenty-one students got in out of 38 students applying. That is a 55% acceptance rate. We have seventeen going to NC State and this was a 61% acceptance rate. And, our first graduating class will be graduating college this year.

VI. Finance Update

- A. Third quarter budget updates were discussed. No material variances were noted.
- B. The 2015-2016 budget was also presented, and is based on a 0% increase in federal, state, and local funding.

James Cuttino motions to approve the proposed 2015-2016 school budget; Mike Lambert seconds, motion carried.

VII. Old Business

- A. Strategic Planning Committee Update
 - i. Living the Mission –
 - a) Goals – to investigate what LNC is already doing in support of the “Lead” and “Serve” portion of our mission, analyze the findings, identity any shortcomings and recommend next steps
 - b) Status – FAQs were distributed and leadership, service activities highlighted in the Knights News and using LNC social media, parent survey included questions about current leadership and service efforts. After review of the survey results, the committee decided to continue to reach out to the constituent groups and keep them informed about LNC's efforts
 - c) Seven leadership categories were developed.
 - d) Obstacles - based on the annual parent survey results, it appears that some parents are still uninformed about LNC's effort, need to ensure staff members are cognizant of how they are emphasizing the several leadership categories, still need to receive and analyze the student alumni perspective, need to recruit more parent and student members for the committee.

- e) Next steps-- alumni and student survey, back to school nights, staff meetings, MS admin to use during teacher observation. Redistribute FAQs next year, explore creating a parent group in Schoology, Leadership in Action to continue next school year, recruit additional parent and student committee members for next year.

VIII. New Business

- A. Elementary School Addition Discussion - adding an elementary school will support and enhance the long-term strategic goals and mission of Lake Norman Charter. It has been determined that having a committee dedicated to the expansion would be most efficient and effective way to move forward. This committee would act on behalf of the entire board. It was also noted that adding an elementary school would not negatively impact other strategic goals and project timelines such as the back entrance development or additional parking on the current campus.

Motion to approve autonomy to the Elementary School Committee to move forward and make decisions with the current seller and to sign a purchase agreement for the property not to exceed \$1.75 million by Cynthia Bush, seconded by Kyle Burkey, motion carried.

- B. There will be two Town Hall meetings; one next week at 6PM in the MPR and one on May 27 at 6PM in the MPR to discuss diversity topics.
- C. New Course Proposal – Digital Media Class by Melissa McNeily and Jamie Lord
 - i. Real world application, partnerships, local awareness projects around social action, requesting next year a small, one section class to pilot this idea, Melissa would be the instructor and Jamie to support and work with art and theater department, and courses through UNCC that would be appropriate, digital citizenship courses.

Motion to approve the Digital Media class offering for 2015-2016 by Mike Putman, seconded by Steve Jones, motion carried.

- D. New Student Handbook – the student handbook and technology handbook are now streamlined, the athletic eligibility changes due to the new grading scale.

Motion to approve the new handbook for 2015-2016 by Mike Putman, seconded by Kevin Lambert, motion carried.

- E. Bylaw Resolution – Currently, a board member can serve for a maximum of two - three year terms. The board policy committee reviewed the by-laws and proposed a modification allowing board members more flexibility in serving their 6 years to ensure no more than 3 board members would roll-off in any given year, ensuring board continuity.

Motion to approve the Bylaw changes by Kevin Lambert, seconded by Mike Putman seconded, motion carried.

Motion to go to closed session for the NC General Statute 143-318.11 by Kevin Lambert seconded by Anna Blackwelder, motion carried.

Motion to go to open session for the NC General Statute 143-318.11 by Kevin Lambert seconded by Mike Putman, motion carried.

Motion to go to adjourn by Kevin Lambert seconded by Mike Putman, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

