



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

Open Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2014

I. Meeting Called to Order by Mike Manahan at 6:03 PM

Governance

Sara Lay provided an update on the fall Knight's Fund year end appeal and discussed the Board's future involvement. Brian Boone conducted a Board activity as a way for Board members to learn more about each other.

II. General Meeting

Attending: Mike Manahan – Board Chair, James Cuttino, Ricky Jones, Kevin Lambert-Vice Chair, Kyle Burkey-Secretary, Anna Blackwelder, Cynthia Bush-Treasurer (regular session only), Mike Putman, Shannon Stein - Managing Director

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mike Putman to approve the October minutes, seconded by Jim Cuttino, motion carried.

IV. Support Organization

A. PTO

- i. They have created a process for soliciting donations from our vendors. They want to make sure they are vendors are not getting too many "asks", so they have created a list.

B. Athletic Boosters

- i. Coach Gomez and the girls' Tennis team was recognized for their 17-0 season and State Championship.

V. Public Comments – No public comments

VI. Managing Director's Report

A. Communications Update – Sara Lay informed the board about the sponsorship program and current social media progress with reaching both stakeholders and community members.

B. Terri Costa reported on recently released AP and SAT data. Out of the entire state, 7 schools had a higher average of a 3 or more on the AP exams. LNC's SAT scores were an average of 1654 out of a possible 2400 points; highest score in the surrounding area as reported by the Huntersville Herald.

C. This year's graduating class will be able to wear academic honor society cord along with the National Honor Society stoll.

- D. Shannon informed the board that 96% of the students at the high school met the requirement for the new service learning program implemented this year and upcoming field trips. There are three field trips on the horizon.

VII. Finance Update

- A. The finance committee met twice this past month. First to meet with Acadia to help the finance committee understand their partnership with LNC. In the second meeting, after a review of bylaws, it was determined that board does not have to vote on quarterly budget amendments; they can just vote on the annual budget.

VIII. Old Business

A. Strategic Planning Committees

i. Cross Cultural –

- a) Long-term goals - help all students and teachers understand, appreciate, and support each other, engage in courageous conversations, increase knowledge of diversity, pursue and secure relationships with other educational intuitions and organizations, utilize technology to open up opportunities to expand our reach.
- b) Short-term goals - review school materials, communication, and buildings to ensure students see themselves represented in all facets, explore and create professional development, hold focus groups with all stakeholder groups to assess the most effective means to, and develop a plan to hold a community book study.
- c) Updates - diversity and culture scan conducted by UNC Charlotte Urban Education Collaborative, Submission of Chancellor's Diversity Fund grant, Parent speakers to classes, Japanese Exchange program, introduced ePals to teachers.
- d) Obstacles - initial lack of direction/focus, focus on balancing fiscal responsibility with fund requests to obtain necessary resources, focus on technology implementation, potential lack of participation, limits on teachers' time, what are the plans that are in place to overcome or work around those obstacles, collecting additional information from stakeholders prior to proceeding in various activities, researching cost effective alternatives, additional resources, funding additional board member participation, meet third Thursday of every month in the conference room -like more representation from the board.
- e) Next steps- review materials and school for adequate representation of diverse populations, host cultural book study, investigate and communicate with external entities with whom we can partner, discuss with Board whether funding is available to conduct targeted activities.

IX. New Business

A. Staff Recommendations

- i. Recommendation to hire Saul Sheck to fill EC position vacancy.

Motion by Jim Cuttino to approve staffing recommendations, seconded by Kevin Lambert, motion carried.

B. Ten-Point Grading Scale Conversion

- i. Shannon recommended the ten-point scale to be implemented for all students next year instead of the phased approach that the State Board of Education was implementing.

Motion by Mike Putman to approve implementing the new ten-point grading scale in the 2015-2016 school year for all students at LNC, seconded by Cynthia Bush, motion carried.

C. Proposed 2015-2016 Calendar

- i. Christmas and Easter break is the same as CMS
- ii. Starting on a Thursday, August 13. Last day on Friday, June 3, 2016.
- iii. One change is the three half-day PDs with one full-day PD.

Motion by Kevin Lambert to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar, seconded by James Cuttino, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Cuttino, seconded by Mike Putman, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Kyle Burkey