

Lake Norman Charter School Board

Open Session Minutes

November 6, 2008

Board members present:

Tom Ghareeb – Board chair

Tricia Sisson – Vice Chair

Bill Farber

Anita Blowers

Kristi Miller

Rob Dixon

Rich Bovard

Kathleen Eid-Heberle – non voting

Tim Reimer – non voting

Administrative staff: Mike McAlpin, Terri Costa, Sheryn Fletcher, Beau Cannon, Donna Garrison, Michelle Harrison, Allen Long

Meeting called to order @ 6:35pm.

Motion by Rich, second by Anita to approve both open and closed session minutes from October 2, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Public comments: None

PTO update by Kristi Miller.

- The Sally Foster fundraiser at the middle school has taken in more than \$5000. High school sales were approximately \$1500.
- The last carpool spot that was auctioned off was "sold" at \$500.
- The teacher allotments for the year this year at both the HS and the MS are \$250 per teacher.
- The balance in the general account for the HS Athletic Boosters is \$15,800 and we have 60 memberships to date.
- The MS School Store has had approx \$1000 in sales, and the HS School Store is only doing a very small amount.
- The Cheeseburger in Paradise night for LNCS was not as profitable as compared to last year.
- The Holiday Wreaths are on sale now thru Nov 21. This is the PTO's last major fundraiser for the school year that is scheduled as of now.

Managing director report by Tim Riemer:

- Prospective Parent Meeting will be held on November 12th at 6:30pm.
- 2007-2008 EOG Reading Scores released, but the scores have not been analyzed yet.
- The new HS building was begun on October 23rd. We are on track to be in by the start of school in August 2009.
- Calendar Committee is at work on creating a calendar for the next two school years.
- Michelle Harrison began as our new Director of EC on October 27th.
- Middle School Sports banquet was the culmination of a successful fall sports program.
- 812 pounds of food was collected during the Canned Food Drive.
- Team Tummy Yummy again participated in the Lungstrong 5K/15K event, raising \$3,361 which was donated to support the fight against lung cancer in memory of former LNCS teacher, Katie Gergely.
- 6th grade sponsored a pet food drive for the Cornelius Animal Shelter. The proceeds from the 5th and 6th grade dance (\$451) were also donated to this organization.
- The high school will not be offering a National Jr. Honor Society club as announced at last month's meeting. The National Honor Society selection and induction ceremony will continue in the spring as planned.
- The HS fall sports banquet was held on Wednesday at Northstone Country Club to celebrate a successful fall sports season.

Treasurer's report by Rich Bovard:

- Rich has been working with Donna on the audit preparation.
- Rich is keeping an eye on the situation with Wachovia since our financing for the buildings is through Wachovia.
- We are very close to receiving the full building permit for the new HS building.
- Brochure for the capital campaign is nearing final draft for printing. Brochures should be out with a cover letter to all school stakeholders by Thanksgiving.

Committee reports:

- Community Relations - none
- Curriculum
 - Anita met with MS department chairs and will be meeting with the HS department chairs to begin to prioritize goals.
- Policies & Personnel
 - Public Comment Policy – final draft presented. Tricia moved to accept the policy as written. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old business:

- Motion by Rich that we suspend our search for a Managing Director through Seabridge. Second by Bill. Motion carried unanimously. All present welcomed Tim Riemer as our Managing Director.
- Interscope Consulting's (diversity consultants) report was presented. The Board and the Administration will be using the recommendations to plan for the future. A sub-committee of the board will take a closer look and make plans to implement some of the recommendations.

New Business

- School Improvement Plan was presented. The plan was created by the School Leadership Team and the administration.
- Coach Zamiera from the HS shared the trophies that the boys and girls cross country teams won as conference champions. These are the first trophies won by the LNCS high school.
- All paperwork has been submitted for LNCS to NCHSAA.
- Tim discussed a proposal regarding a possible "joint use" agreement between the Town of Huntersville and LNCS for the new LNCS HS Gymnasium. The agreement is similar to the current agreement the Town of Huntersville has with LNCS for the MS gymnasium. The proposed agreement is that the Town will provide \$250,000 in funding in return for 8000 hours of use. The proposal will also provide for LNCS to cover all utilities costs. This will be more manageable than the current agreement for the use of the MS gymnasium. LNCS use of Huntersville fields will also be a part of the agreement. Tim will move ahead with creation of the final draft of the agreement.
- Tim presented a newly created job description for a Director of Athletics and Student Activities. Allen Long will no longer be directing athletics at the HS level, but he will provide support to the new director. Tim proposed that we appoint Beau Cannon as Director of Athletics and Student Activities effective immediately. There will be a transition period due to the fact that Beau is still teaching classes. Motion by Rich, second by Tricia that we approve the proposal. Motion carried.
- A brief public comment was made by Chantal Phillips regarding a recent positive interaction with Tim Riemer.

Motion by Rich, second Bill by to enter closed session at 7:35pm regarding personnel and student matters. Motion carried.

Return from closed session at 9:45pm.

Motion by Kristi, second by Ron to adjourn. Motion carried.