



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes
Open Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2015

General Meeting

Attending: Kevin Lambert – Board Chair, Cynthia Bush, Ricky Jones, Steve Jones, Mike Putman, Sherry Latten, Thomas McElroy, Kyle Burkey, Shannon Stein - Superintendent

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Kevin Lambert

I. Approval of Minutes

A. September Board Minutes

Motion by Michael Putman to approve the September minutes seconded by Steve Jones, motion carries

B. September Closed Session

Motion by Cynthia Bush to approve the September closed session minutes, seconded by Ricky Jones, motion carries

II. Support Organizations

A. PTO:

- i. Second Annual New Family Tailgate will be October 2 has been moved due to weather to Thursday, October 22.
- ii. Carpool raffle went well. They raised \$7,300.
- iii. Lunch coordinators have served/received about 10,000 lunches, so off to a great start.
- iv. Fall staff luncheon is in full swing and will be on October 9.
- v. Spirit wear committee attending home games to boost sales. The Pink Out shirts have been a great success.
- vi. This week's game has been moved to 6PM due to weather.
- vii. Special events committee will be hosting food and drink for the October coffee chat and they are getting ready for the ring ceremony on Nov. 10.

B. Athletic Boosters:

- i. Senior nights are quickly approaching.
- ii. This is the last week for regular season sports.
- iii. Next Friday is Homecoming.

III. Public Comments – no public comments

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Teacher of the Year Recognition

- i. Middle School Ms. Sue Hammond – Ms. Holland expresses how Sue started her career as a tax accountant in the UK, and when she moved to the US in 1996 she became a teacher. She has been with LNC for the last 15 years, and she started out teaching with Elizabeth Padgett. She has been a team lead, a department chair, a mentor, a member of SALT, and she is Nationally Board certified.
- ii. High School Mr. Brown – Mr. Smith expresses how Brandon is an incredible teacher and department chair. He has been with LNC the last four years and has been a positive influence with the other teachers in the department. He has also helped reshape the curriculum for American History 1 and 2, as well as the AP course. He has elevated his department’s philosophy and thinking as well as has incorporated writing into the curriculum.
- iii. Shannon expresses how Sue’s love of reading and writing is greatly shown in her classroom and how her passion appreciated by the students. Shannon comments on how Brandon is one of the best teachers she has seen teach critical thinking in the classroom.

B. Reagan Thomas from the high school student council shares the upcoming events, such as spirit week, homecoming, the pep rally, and the pink out game.

C. Fair Fund Bill 539 – It passed in the senate but it went back to the house and the bill was withdrawn. They will take another look at the bill in the spring. Ms. Padgett went to Raleigh to talk with the legislators and she is inviting them to come to Charter.

D. Shannon and Matt met with Huntersville Parks and Rec about the elementary school and teaming up with Charter for developing athletic facilities.

E. Ms. Stone developed a new club – the Drone Club – that has about 80 people interested.

F. First professional development day went well. There was one session about E-learning, one on literacy, and a session taught by the Digital Citizen class.

G. Jean McDaniel on eLinguaFolio

- i. The French and Spanish classes are using this program to help with proficiency.
- ii. The realistic expectations for students to leave LNC is with an intermediate or mid-intermediate, but it depends on the students’ motivation.
- iii. The system provides checklists and student-driven goals for students to achieve.
- iv. Students will be given 30 minutes a month to work on this in class.

H. Important Dates

- i. October 22 – New Family Tailgate (5:30 pm)
- ii. October 13 – Dr. Atkinson is coming to Charter (1:00 pm)
- iii. Discovery Day is on October 22 (8:00 am)

V. Financial Report

A. The state budget should be coming as soon as tomorrow and as late as November. We have

gone up from \$2,457 to \$2,469 per student. This will be a tight budget year and we always budget conservatively.

- B. The state health plan has come back and it less than what was budgeted for.
- C. Good job to Jane and Sue our registrars with having a majority of our students in seats on the 20th day of school (money for our budget).

VI. Old Business

- A. Cross-Cultural – Met with Brian Wise from Charlotte Country Day about integrating diversity within the school. It took them about 10 years to get up and running with this program, so LNC is on the right path and we hope to continue this relationship with CCD. The Drop Everything and Talk initiative will be taking place at the middle school, and Brandon Brown and Bob found a guest speaker for our next PD.
- B. Technology – Working on a survey about collaboration, critical thinking and communication. They are in the works about their future plans with technology.
- C. Strategic Planning Committees – Finalized the goals for the year and working on student-focus groups. Their next meeting is October 12.
- D. College Counseling – On September 17 Mr. Eastwood held a presentation about the counseling department and college awareness. The turnout was less than they expected with about 35 to 40 people. This year some students joined the committee and they requested Twitter to be used in addition to the other communication methods.
- E. Elementary Update – Signed a purchase agreement on a plot of land. They will be meeting to discuss the due diligence and the traffic plan. The land will have to be rezoned. The next meeting will be on the 8th and they will need to talk about the land adjacent to the land we want due to holding roughly 300 parking spots. The closing will be July 2016.

VII. New Business

- A. Knights Fund
 - i. Excited to launch on October 26.
 - ii. In the process of coordinating group meetings, making the fund accessible to family members, and how the funds will be used. They want to be visible and transparent.
 - iii. Funds are already being received. One third of the board has already donated.
 - iv. Self-mailer will be sent home with information about the fund and what the money will go to: rear entrance, counseling's position, and aging technology.
 - v. Maggie Bond volunteered to take photographs of our students and campus to showcase on the self-mailer.
 - vi. Any family who donates will get a cling that was created by Blake Washburn, a student in the Digital Media class to put on their car.

B. EOGs and EOCs

- i. In order to be proficient one must receive a 3, 4 or 5.
- ii. Terri Costa documented the proficient and growth results in charts that compare our school with comparable schools.
- iii. LNCharter is in the top three in the state for proficiency on the ACT with an 85.9%.
- iv. Met 100% of all of our targets given to us by the state.
- v. The entire school exceeded growth by 3.4%.
- vi. Determine school grade by looking at the performance (80%) and the growth (20%). Our school received an A. We missed an A+ by a smidge.

C. Traffic Concerns

- i. Started a campus mater planning group. Starting to see improvement especially when the officer arrives and is helping with traffic. There is stoppage if an officer does not show. They will be submitting a plan for the new entrance in a few weeks.

A motion was made by Cynthia Bush to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 143-318.11(a)(3), Kyle Burkey seconds, motion carries at 8:56 PM

VIII. Closed Session

- A. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(3)

Motion to end Closed Session provided by Steve Jones, second by Ricky Jones, motion carries, meeting ends at 9:50 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting provided by Steve Jones, second by Sherry Latten, motion carries, meeting ends at 9:50 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Ricky Jones with assistant by Danielle Derwich