



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes
Open Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2016

Meeting Called to Order by Kevin Lambert at 7:00 PM

General Meeting

Attending: Kevin Lambert – Board Chair, Ricky Jones, Steve Jones, Cynthia Bush, Kyle Burkey, Sherry Latten, Thomas McElroy, Anna Blackwelder, Kyle Buck, Shannon Stein - Superintendent, Michelle Holland – Elementary School Principal, Dr. Graham– Middle School Principal, Mike McAlpin – Middle School Vice Principal, Craig Smith- High School Principal, Terri Costa – High School Vice Principal, Harrella Wedington - Director of Finance, Sara Lay – Director of Communications

I. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the September board minutes

Motion by Thom McElroy seconded by Ricky Jones to approve the September minutes, motion passed.

II. Support Organizations

- A. **PTO:** Candace Williams gave a report - Wine pull last Casino Night raised about \$1900 ; the parking auction at HS (\$1900) and MS (\$2050); staff gets \$200 per teacher fall allotment; The PTO approved \$27,000 in funds to be used for teacher requests (refrigerator, technology, PD); PTO luncheon this Friday.
- B. **Athletic Boosters:** MS playoffs begin Oct. 17th; HS Varsity volleyball, soccer are undefeated and 1st in conference; Girls cross country are state ranked and competing for the conference title along with the boys team; girls tennis team won the conference and they have a 44 dual match winning streak; secured a former Olympian Roy Burch as the swim coach for the swim team.

III. Superintendent's Report

- A. Renewal year
- B. NC Charter School Conference next week - Stein and Holland are presenting at this conference
- C. College Tour of the West Coast - being offered to our HS students
- D. Elizabeth Wilson - National Merit Scholar Finalists
- E. Oct. 27th - Chatham Charter to come and tour both the MS and the HS
- F. **Sara Lay** – Invest in Excellence campaign overview. Asked the Board to consider helping with appreciation notes and phone calls to donors.

- G. **Michelle Holland** - Attended the National Charter Conference - networked with other Charter Schools across the nation - met Dr. Tim Snead at the conference and he came to visit from Springfield, Massachusetts.
- H. **Craig Smith** - Journalist from Pride magazine reached out to us and they wanted to do an article about charter schools (Charter expansion in NC and particularly in this area); nice article about us!; live streaming of the HS Coffee Chat (using Periscope) to help with those people who were not able to be there - great experience; UNCC student teachers - full classes of students coming (60 pre-service teachers) to the HS on Oct. 14th from UNCC and then the following Tuesday, Dr. Putman's students from UNCC will be coming to the HS to observe; in the Spring we have an alum from LNC coming to student teach from UNC-G.

IV. Finance Update

- A. Audit is well underway.
- B. Next Finance committee is Tuesday the 18th at 7 pm - to talk about the opportunity to partner again with Huntersville Park and Rec to build the gym for the ES as well as to discuss our account with Wells Fargo.

V. Old Business

- A. Strategic Planning Committees
 - i. Global Diversity & Inclusion – Two subcommittees: teacher development and student programming; teacher programming - looking at programs that our teachers can use in the classroom – designing on-line PD opportunity which would include facilitated dialogue sessions for staff; student programming - DET (drop everything and talk) at the MS is going to begin again; state created some global readiness indicators -going to look at this to see where LNC would rank.
 - ii. College Counseling - Tomorrow is the College Mini Fair - hosting 18 schools - all juniors are going during second period and seniors during third period - four or five of these 18 schools are new to coming to LNC!; Oct. 18th - hosting a financial aid meeting for parents that will be held on the campus of Davison College.
 - iii. Technology – Chase Marshall (former LNC student) came and spoke to the committee about what is happening at the college level - Lon is getting information from Apple & different laptop options, including maintenance for the committee to review as they begin the task of determining what device we should utilize at each building; - seems the HS is pushing for the PC's and the MS is pushing for the iPads - can we do both to satisfy both schools?; technology survey is about ready to send out to our students.
 - iv. Elementary School Update – Michelle has been busy visiting elementary schools (private, public, and charter) to see what programs they are using as well as getting input from Mr. Putman's colleagues at UNCC and their thoughts on what the best programs are for elementary students; hoping to have positions posted at the end of Oct or early Nov; Oct. 14th - meeting to brainstorm and planning how to get our Elementary PTO up and running; November 17th 6:30 Parent Information Night at the HS MPR room; Sue Scott is sending out a questionnaire to see what staff members will have kids at the elementary school as well as how many present LNC parents/staff will have kids who will be coming to the elementary school.

VI. New Business

- A. 2015-2016 School Testing Data - (Board Members have this Power Point and Data Dashboard in their DropBox).
- B. School Grade – A
- C. LNC vs Other Schools
 - i. 5th Grade Reading proficiency - middle of the pack in comparison to other area charter schools and public schools
 - ii. 5th Grade Math Proficiency - similar to reading
 - iii. 6th - 8th Grades - similar to the other schools in our region; math is lower in the 6th grade; about the same in 7th and 8th grades for Math - Michelle spoke about what we have been doing in the Math Dept at the MS to try and get these scores up - every year we do MAPS scores and it shows the data and results for every teacher and their students, and this data is used to help differentiate the instruction in the classroom
 - iv. 5th and 8th Grade Science - did very well compared to the other schools
 - v. EOC's Proficiency - better than the area schools
 - vi. ACT Data - doing very well - Reading, Math, Science is incorporated into the ACT
 - vii. Math Course Rigor - we got the highest ranking 95+
 - viii. HS Graduation Rate - highest ranking 95+
 - ix. EVAAS Growth –concern over some of the MS EOG's but 8th grade and HS EOC's so positive growth
 - x. Determining the school grade of a school - 80% of the grade is relying on Proficiency and 20% Growth
 - xi. SAT Performance Data - doing well compared to the other schools - doing really well in writing
- D. **Construction Update** - \$1.8 million dollar contract reviewed with the Board for the new Elementary site construction- was bid out with three different companies - went with Pedulla to construct our new building and fields; recommendation by Anna Blackwelder to get a written agreement with Pedulla to stick to the agreed dates to complete work with in a prescribed time frame or some funds can be retained by LNC; Supposed to move dirt in two weeks;

Motion made by Anna Blackwelder and seconded by Ricky Jones to approve the contract subject to having Anna Blackwelder review the contract to add some additional language and come back to the board with recommendations for the contract

Motion to enter closed session at 8:45 pm by Steve Jones, seconded by Sherry Latten, motion carried

Motion to reenter open session at 9:25 pm by Steve Jones, seconded by Sherry Latten, motion carried

Motion to adjourn by Sherry Latten, seconded by Thom McElroy, motion carried

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Ricky Jones with assistance by Elizabeth Padgett & Danielle Derwich