



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

Open Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2017

General Meeting

Attending: Anna Blackwelder, Steve Jones, Sherry Latten, Ricky Jones, Kyle Burkey, Jennifer Johnson, Rick Buckler, Shannon Stein – Superintendent, Thom McElroy

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Steve Jones

Approval of July Minutes

Motion to approve the July minutes by Thom and Rick Buckler seconds, motion carries

I. Support Organizations

- A. PTO: Candace Williams, HS PTO; teacher lunch this Friday for HS and MS baked potato lunch; elementary school will have Mama's pizza. Car pool raffle was a success--Waiting for final numbers. Many things happening at elementary: Lunch program - 258 orders for the first go round, Knights Dads committee will assist with carpool every Friday starting tomorrow, Donuts with Dads on October 27, and Father/Son outing on October 28 to Checkers' game as well as Muffins with Moms in November. Hornets Literacy Pep Rally October 10 field trip. Little Knights will take a book from the mobile unit. Fall Festival and Grandparents day coming up at the elementary school.
- B. Athletic Boosters: We are nearing end of fall sports. October 30 winter sport try-outs start. Homecoming was a huge success; one of the largest crowds ever.

II. Superintendent's Report

- A. **Mrs. Stein:** Stein, Smith, and Holland attended the Mayor's roundtable to talk about needs in the area and community outreach. Spoke about shadowing at the hospital and career-centered opportunities that can be offered to our students.
- B. Invitation-only elementary open house is coming up on October 27. All board members are invited along with important community members. Please RSVP.
- C. 2018 lottery we will stream it live online and it will be archived. There were 5,470 applicants last year.
- D. Charter School renewal to be presented to the State Board of Education on October 9.
- E. Commend the building principals and staff for working together for joint spirit week. It was a success. Football players and cheerleaders helped with carpool at the elementary school. This was a positive, new tradition.
- F. Commend the entire faculty for performance as we had the 2nd highest student growth scores among charters in the entire state. We exceeded growth in every measure, and we are an "A" school again this year.
- G. 11th grade kids take the PSAT and this qualifies them for National Merit Scholar. We have 13 students who have been commended and 3 who are semi-finalists. One got a perfect composite ACT score.

III. Finance Update

- A. **Haley Wilson:** Potter and Company was here last week and they conducted the audit. Discussed final 2016-2017 unaudited budget. CMS paid LNC approximately \$60,000 for payment settle-up for past two fiscal years.
- B. **Buckler:** Bond Preparation Update: We have a list of documents to provide and they are getting them together to provide them. Lots of paperwork now. Holding weekly calls. First draft this week and we will sync this with the master campus plan and the Knights fund, etc.

IV. Old Business

- A. **Leadership Initiative: Blackwelder:** Elementary school “Leader and Me” where Crane is doing guidance lessons with the kids and the staff is reading a book together for meetings. “Believing in Yourself” will be the first meeting for students. Middle school: They are formalizing the skills with the lessons they already have. High school: Last Wednesday was the first “Leadership in Action” meeting.
- B. **Elementary update:** All grade level Coffee Chats are well attended. Special days happening all the time. Book Fair coming up along with the Field Trips
- C. **Campus Master Planning:** Scott: \$130,000 bond being held for the vegetation by LUESA which we are working on completing requirements now that the weather is cooler. DOT Bond: we need to do a few things for the \$10,000 bond. We will get it all wrapped up soon.
- D. **Knights Fund:** Invest in Excellence Annual Drive: This process is moving along. We now know exactly who is willing to donate. We have 266 letters going out to people who have indicated that they will be giving a one-time donation. This will include a flyer about Corporate Matching and United Way. An FAQ will be included that will answer questions which will also be put on the website.
- E. A FAQ will be included that will answer questions such as: This will also put on the website. 50 letters will go out to the people who have indicated they will be recurring givers every month.
- F. **Strategic Planning: Ricky Jones:** Met last Tuesday. Very engaging and lots of dialogue. Currently working on portrait of a graduate, core values, three new areas for strategic planning.

V. New Business

- A. Builder Contracts: Anna represents the board; George Martin from McGuire Wood represents us. GL Wilson who subcontracts with an architect wanted some changes in the contract. Other than that everything is in a good spot and we are looking for an approval with the exception of the area 2.3.1. The discussion will probably happen in the next few days as they research this to make sure we are protected in the construction and design portions of this contract.

Thom McElroy motions to approve the contract, with the stipulation that the superintendent works with Anna Blackwelder to negotiate and amend section 2.3.1 only; Jennifer Johnson seconds the contract motion; motion carries.

Motion to move into a closed session at 8:05 pm pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 143-318.11(a)(6) by Ricky Jones; seconded by Kyle Buckley; motion carried.

Ricky Jones motions to open session at 9:11PM; Kyle Burkey seconds; motion carries.

Ricky Jones motions to adjourn at 9:12 PM; Kyle Burkey seconds; motion carries.