Lake Norman Charter School

Board meeting minutes - open session

October 2, 2008

Board member present:

Tom Ghareeb – Board chair

Tricia Sisson – Vice Chair

Cathy Moore – Secretary

Bill Farber

Anita Blowers

Kristi Miller

Ron Jones

Rob Dixon

Lee Brooks

Eddie Bethea

Rich Bovard

Tim Reimer – non voting

Kathleen Eid-Heberle – non voting

Administrative staff: Mike M., Terri C., Sheryn F., Beau C., Donna G., Allen L.

Meeting called to order @ 6:38pm.

Motion by Kristi, second by Anita to approve both open and closed session minutes from September 4th meeting. Motion carried.

Public comments: None

PTO update by Vicki S.

- Golf tournament successful @ \$4379 profit.
- Attractions book sales yielded \$14,000 for middle school and \$3200 for high school
- Carpool raffle profits: \$5800 for middle school, \$584 for high school.
- Sally Foster begins next week.
- Both school stores open next week.

Managing director report by Tim R:

- 20th day enrollment data submitted to state. 750 enrolled @ middle school and 305 students @ high school.
- 611B grant submitted to state and award in amount of \$110,648 received. This grant intended to support the salaries for EC teachers and director of student special services.
- Curriculum night successful.
- Yearly 'driver' background checks have been completed as required insurance.
- Discussion of IOWA assessment.
- Discipline update.
- Homecoming is scheduled for October 7th.
- Discussion of school leadership team school improvement plan.
- Carol Shields (student services coordinator @ high school) has met with students to begin college selection process. Meeting with CPCC to investigate enrollment program to provide opportunity to earn college credits.
- Field trip requests
 - Blue Ridge Assembly trip (8th grade) for May 6,7,8 2009 proposed by Ms. Justice. Proposed cost \$265 per student, meals and lodging included. Motion by Rob, second by Rich to approve field trip to Blue Ridge Assembly. Motion carried.
 - Sound to Sea field trip (9th grade) for April 27-29 and May 4-6 2009 presented by Ms. Costa. Anticipated cost TBD, anticipate less than \$350. Motion by Rich, second by Kristi to approve Sound to Sea field trip. Motion carried.

Field trip to Italy & Greece presented by Ms. Kmidowski.
Arrangements by EF Tours. Estimated cost \$2833 per student.
Concerns related to LNCS liability discussed. Motion by Rich, second by Kristi to endorse pursuit of field trip as presented pending legal review related to liability. Motion carried.

Treasurer report by Rich B.

Committee reports:

- Community Relations none
- Curriculum none
- Policies & Personnel below new policies discussed
 - New Course Proposal Policy Motion by Tricia, second by Bill to approve policy as presented. Motion carried.
 - Public Comment Policy currently in draft form. Discussion by Tim. Anticipate final draft @ next board meeting.
- Long Range Planning update by Rich B.

Old business:

- Dress code policy. Discussion of violations by Tim. There have been few concerns and/or violations related to dress code.
- Traffic control. Currently utilizing one officer to cover both campus locations.

New business:

- Discussion of recommendation to Award ABC Bonus to support staff. Discussion of allocation of ~\$37k received. Recommend \$523 bonus to include support staff. Motion by Rich, second by Kristi to approve \$523 bonus. Motion carried.
- Discussion of extra-curricular activities for LNCS middle and high school.
- Discussion of addition of JV football program to LNCS @ high school. Projected costs discussed. Recommendation by Tim to hire Director of Athletics and Student Activities to provide complete oversight of athletics and student activities @ both middle and high school.
- Motion by Rich, second by Kristi to approve JV football program 'in-house', position for Director of Athletics and Student Activities, and to analyze existing programs to determine appropriateness of continuing each for upcoming years. Motion carried.

- Discussion by Bill of Long Range Planning committee, currently functioning as construction committee. Recommendation to form separate construction committee and restructure Long Range Planning committee. Rob to assist.
- Personnel recommendation. Tim recommended Michelle Harrison for position of Director of Student Special Services. Motion by Rich, second by Anita to approve hire of Michelle Harrison for Director of Student Special Services. Motion carried.
- Diversity update presented by Rich.
- Motion by Kristi, second Rob by to enter closed session re personnel and student matters. Motion carried. (8:35pm)

Return from closed session @ 9:45pm.

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