



Open Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2016

Meeting called to order by Steve Jones at 6:03 PM for governance session

Governance:

Ms. Leigh Ann Williams and Ms. Liz Fisher presented to the Board about how they help students to “Exhibits critical thinking, problem solving, and astute technology skills.” Board members actively participated in several activities that they use in their classroom to demonstrate.

General Meeting

Attending: Kevin Lambert (joined at 7:15 pm) – Board Chair, Steve Jones, Kyle Burkey, Sherry Latten, Michael Putman, Thomas Elroy, Cynthia Bush (left at 7:00 pm), Shannon Stein - Superintendent,

I. Support Organization

- A. PTO: Well attended coffee chat and the lunch committee is busy with ordering lunches. The new family tailgate was last Friday and it was as a success. The carpool raffle starts September 12th. The next PTO meeting is September 6th.
- B. Athletic Boosters: Fall sports are up and running. The football team plays CSD tomorrow night and Homecoming is next Friday. The volleyball team won and middle school sports started today.

II. Superintendent’s Report

- A. The teachers who presented last month on the digital learning with the middle school students have been selected to be a Common Sense Ambassador.
- B. There was a 100% passing rate on the AP Spanish exam.
- C. Ms. Stein recognizes the strong partnership with the town of Huntersville. They have been using the high school building for a site to train their dogs.
- D. On October 7th there will be a college fair that will take place in the high school gym during 2nd and 3rd periods for juniors and seniors. As of now Duke, UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Greensboro and Gardner Webb have all accepted invitations. This does not replace the visits during the year.
- E. Michelle Holland recognizes Curtis Kendrick for his acceptance of the Edith May Slith Award. He was nominated by his students. Only 34 teachers were elected, and he was the only one from North Carolina.
- F. The sponsorships continue to grow with 32,000 in corporate sponsorships, which is more than 50% from last year. Invest in Excellence will begin September 30th.

III. Finance Update

- a. Audit committee met this week and it is on its way.

IV. Old Business

A. Strategic Planning Committees

- i. Global Diversity and Inclusion – Held the first meeting of the year; two students and one committee member have joined. Reassigned members to two subcommittees: teacher and staff programming.
- ii. College Counseling – There will be a new co-chair, Nancy Buckstad, and they will meet next Tuesday to help with the new transition.
- iii. Technology – Launched the pilot program and currently working through the challenges and learning a lot these last few days. An LNC Alumni, Chase Marshall, reached out to the committee to see if he can come back and share his knowledge with the students. He recently graduated with a degree in IT from Appalachian.
- iv. Elementary School Update – Plans are ready to submit, but we still need a formal approval from DOT. Waiting to get the grating permit to start construction. The timeframe is tight for the elementary school. The trailers are currently on the site but will need to be relocated at the request of the Town of Huntersville.

V. New Business

- A. There were 12 applications for the new board member spot. The Nomination Committee is recommending Rick Buckler for the new board member position vacated by Michael Putman due to work conflicts.

Motion by Kevin Lambert seconded by Sherry Latten to recommend Rick Buckler as the new board member; motion passed.

- B. Craig Smith approached Ms. Stein about a school resource officer grant program. DPI said the grants had all been used, but recently one had come available. We currently pay \$35,000 to \$40,000 in traffic control. This new grant will give us \$37,000 a year, which will allow for an officer to build relationships with the students, continue the D.A.R.E. program at the elementary school, and be on each campus throughout the day. Ms. Stein makes a recommendation to hire a resource officer.

Motion by Thom McElroy to approve the partnership with Huntersville to hire a resource officer; Kevin Lambert seconds, motion carries.

- C. Graduation Policy Update – Shannon recommends updating the graduation policy to clarify that students must take their core classes at Lake Norman Charter and not another educational program like CPCC or NC Virtual Public School.

Motion by Michael Putman to approve the new graduation policy update; Kyle Burkey seconds, motion carries.

Motion to adjourn by Michael Putman, second by Kyle Burkey, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.