

Lake Norman Charter School

Board meeting minutes – open session

September 3, 2009

Board members present:

- Tom Ghareeb – Board chair
- Tricia Sisson – Vice Chair
- Rob Dixon
- Rich Bovard
- Bill Farber
- Ron Jones
- Anita Blowers
- Eddie Bethea
- Kathleen Heberle
- Kristi Miller
- Tim Reimer – non voting

Administrative staff present: Michelle H.; Donna G.; Terri C.; Beau C.; Bill S.; Lori H.

Call to order @ 6:32pm

Public comments:

- David Ginn (parent of LNCS 7th grader): Powerhousecolor Fundraiser – Rocket Life Software could be added to the LNCS website. Does not require students to sell or staff/parent administration. Tim will contact to set up.

Motion by Rich, second by Tricia to approve both open & closed session August minutes.
Motion carried.

Managing director report: Tim Riemer

- Due to the efforts of many LNCS staff members and families, LNCS had a successful opening of school.
- Honor Codes have been distributed to staff, students and parents. Staff is collecting signed copies of the Honor Code.
- Minor changes have been made to the original carpool plans with input from parents and Huntersville police department. Changes will be made as necessary.
- High School students are now being allowed limited movement during lunch times.
- There have been a few instances of spider bites at the high school. Mike Price will be taking care of the situation.
- 8th grade picnic was a great success.
- We received payment of \$250,000 from the Town of Huntersville per the middle school gym joint use agreement.

Treasurer's report: Rich Bovard

- The August vendor payment report was sent out to board members in advance of the meeting. There was no unusual activity.
- Preliminary indications from the State are that there will only be an 8.9% cut in per student funding from the state. We budgeted for an 11% cut. The final funding amount per student should be communicated to us in October.
- There will be an increase of about \$10,000 in LNCS' State Retirement costs for 2009-2010 over what we had initially budgeted due to the State increasing the funding rate at a factor larger than we had anticipated.
- Main classroom building and gym are at about 95% complete from a payment standpoint. We currently estimate that there should be a surplus of about \$400,000 to \$500,000 in escrow when all is complete. That will be used to begin funding the next phase.

Construction update – Bill Farber

- In the next couple weeks, MBAJ should be able to begin pursuing permits for the next phase.
- Installation of HS gym floor has begun. The gym should be turned over in late October.
- HS rain gardens will be installed as soon as the grass is more mature.
- New awnings are being installed for use during HS afternoon carpool.
- Construction Committee will be taking out an ad in several local newspapers with an aerial photo of the new HS. The ad will thank various people and groups for their help with the successful completion of the HS buildings.

Policies & Personnel update - Tricia Sisson

- New policies are being looked at for revisions by our attorney. They should be ready to present at the next meeting.

New business:

- Enrollment is at 1271. Budget was set assuming 1230 students. Administrative teams worked very hard to keep enrollment at the levels the board approved. 10th and 11th grades have exhausted the waitlists. Approximately 200 students are on the waitlist for 9th grade. Approximately 81% of 9th graders moved from the LNCS middle school campus.
- Tricia moved and Anita seconded that we approve the proposed eighth grade field trip to Black Mountain Assembly with minor changes to the paperwork. Motion carried.
- Beau presented a health and safety update. A fire drill has been conducted. A severe weather drill and a lock down drill will come later. Plans to deal with the threat of H1N1 were presented. Beau is checking into hand sanitizer dispensers for placement around the building. CDC guidelines will be followed as the flu season continues.
- Recommendation to approve the appointment of Allison Pick as the new HS Swimming Coach and Terry Gobble as the new HS Lacrosse Coach. Motion by Tricia, second by Bill to approve both appointments. Motion carried

Motion by Tricia, second by Anita to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Miller