

Lake Norman Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes – Open Session
May 5, 2011

Board members present:

- Tricia Sisson – Chair
- Bill Farber – Vice Chair
- Kathleen Eid-Heberle - Secretary
- Eddie Bethea
- Anita Blowers
- Rich Bovard
- Tom Ghareeb
- Ron Jones
- Cathy Moore
- Bonnie Newell
- Cynthia Bush - non voting
- Tim Riemer – non voting

Administrative staff present: Shannon Stein, Michelle Harrison, Terri Costa, Lori Hughes, Harella Whitehead, Matt Schleger, Scott Abel

Call to order 6:40 pm

Motion by Bill, second by Cathy, to move into closed session at 6:40 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill, second by Tom, to return to open session at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Student Recognition (Tim Riemer)

- Ms. Pam Price shared that LNC will have a team at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Tournament in Maryland the end of May.

Motion by Bonnie, second by Cathy, to approve both open & closed session minutes from April. Motion carried.

PTO Report (Karen Clark)

- Nearly all PTO positions have been filled.
- Every teacher received a \$250.00 allotment for school supplies.

Public Comments

- Mr. Rich Bovard informed the group that he has accepted to be on the Board of Directors at Sugarcreek Charter School effective July 1, 2011. Rich's second term on LNC's Board of Directors will conclude on June 30, 2011. Ms. Tricia Sisson thanked Rich for his dedication (seven years) to LNC.
- "Night of the Art" was a big success. Students exemplified the arts through poetry, drawing, painting, dance, band and chorus.

Managing Director's Report (Tim Riemer)

- Use of paper and copying is costly so need to cut back but not compromise student education.
- Ms. Lucy Smith, 11th and 12th grade counselor, shared that 80% of graduating students will attend a 4 year university/ college and 20% will attend a 2 year college.
- Currently graduating students have a total of \$3,313,798.00 in scholarships.
- Senior Award Night will be May 18, 2011
- Graduation will be June 4, 2011

Treasurer's Report (Tom Ghareeb)

- Mr. Tom Ghareeb will take over as treasurer effective immediately.
- Current fundraiser efforts are over \$246,000.00; 14% of LNC families have contributed.
- Possible increase in enrollment for the coming year (2011-2012) was discussed; 102 students would be added bringing the total number of students from 1,500 to 1,602 (51 in the MS and 51 in the HS). This increase would be temporary, helping offset budget constraints.
- At this time, there will be no cuts in extracurricular activities or sports.
- Final review of the budget will be presented at the June meeting.

Old Business

- Grant Opportunity to Assist with School Partnerships (Rich Bovard)
 - Mr. Rich Bovard informed the group of the "Grant Opportunity to Assist with School Partnerships". This program would partner LNC (MS and HS) with a low income school (75% free and reduced lunches) creating diversity awareness and educational opportunities. This initiative has administration support.
- Communication (Tim Riemer)
 - Mr. Riemer expressed concern regarding negative and inappropriate communications from parents to teachers.
- Director of Business Services (Tim Riemer)
 - The search for a Director of Business Services continues. There are currently three potential candidates. A decision will be made by July 1, 2011.
- Handbook (Tim Riemer)
 - The Policy & Procedure Committee and administrators have reviewed the Handbook. The final version will be ready by the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

New Business

- Pay-Out Rate (Tim Riemer)
 - Recommendation to approve PTO Pay-Out Rate of \$75.00 per day.

Motion by Bill, second by Anita, to approve the PTO Pay-Out Rate of \$75.00 per day. Motion carried.

- Surveys (Tim Riemer)
 - HS, MS and teacher surveys will be sent out next week via surveymonkey. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

- Odyssey of the Mind Trip
 - Recommendation to approve HS Odyssey of the Mind trip to Maryland for the World Finals Tournament.

Motion by Anita, second by Cathy, to approve HS Odyssey of the Mind trip to Maryland for the World Finals Tournament. Motion carried.

- Board Member Section (Tricia Sisson)
 - It was announced that Anita Blowers will be resigning from the Broad effective June 30, 2011.
 - Recommendation to form a new search committee comprised of Tom Ghareeb, Tricia Sisson, Ron Jones and Cathy Moore to select a new Broad member.

Motion by Bill, second by Bonnie, to approve a search committee to select a new Board member. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill, second by Anita, to move into closed session at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Eddie, second by Bill, to move back into open session at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Kathleen Eid-Heberle, Secretary