

I. Meeting Called to Order by Kevin Lambert at 7:01 PM

<u>Attending</u>: Mike Putman, Ricky Jones, Kevin Lambert-Vice Chair, Ann Blackwelder, Cynthia Bush, Steve Jones, Kyle Burkey, Shannon Stein - Managing Director

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mike Putman, seconded by Cynthia Busch to approve November minutes, motion passed

III. Support Organization Update

- A. PTO: PTO is currently collecting money for annual gift of the season program. They are also sponsoring a holiday cookie walk and grab and go lunch. January 13th is the next PTO meeting.
- B. Athletic Boosters none

IV. No public comments

V. Managing Director's Report

- A. Cody Willets and several high school students were honored for their performance at the recent NCTC theatre competition.
- B. There are 12 charter schools in the state to be recognized for three years of growth on state tests, and LNC is one of them.
- C. Pine Lake Pep visited the school to learn more about our technology program.
- D. On Tuesday, Mrs. Padgett was visited by the Department of Charter School for an onsite visit for Teacher of the Year. We will know her results in January.
- E. The Guatemala Service Trip is being sponsored by Mrs. McNeilly as a humanitarian trip to build stoves and help with providing a clean water supply.
- F. Dr. Thomas Miller developed a document for the board to read about the differences between charter and traditional public schools.
- G. Sara Lay announced the Knights Fund as raised \$36,995 in donations so far.
- H. Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Holland and Ms. McFadden shared the 2014 ACT Explorer, PLAN and ACT results.

VI. Old Business

A. Strategic Planning Update

Living the Mission - Ann Blackwelder - goals to investigate what LNC is already doing in support of our mission. The committee found that currently there are a lot of efforts related to teaching and reinforcing leadership and service but the parents, students and in some cases teachers are unaware of these efforts. Next steps - finalize the leadership and service FAQ's and distribute in early January followed with a survey by end of February

VII. New Business

A. Elementary School Discussion: With the recent influx of charter schools to the area, LNC is in the position to lose some potential families due to oversaturation. By adding an elementary school there are more possibilities for developing a better learning foundation and parent partnerships. Shannon's proposal is to have expert land developer, Gary Knox, come to the January meeting to present to the board his ideas about pricing out land and the process to potentially secure land to build the elementary school.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Putman, seconded by Cynthia Bush, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Danielle Derwich