



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

Open Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2014

Meeting Called to Order by Bill Farber at 7:04 PM

Attending: Bill Farber – Board Chair, Mike Manahan – Vice Chair, James Cuttino – Secretary (late), Eddie Bethea, Cynthia Bush, Kyle Burkey, Kevin Lambert, Michael Putman, Shannon Stein - Managing Director

General Meeting

- I. Approval of Minutes – Tabled until May board meeting.
- II. Support Organization
 - A. PTO: Upcoming events include a staff luncheon is April 25 and an ice cream social on June 2. Gave fundraising requests for next year to school principals, and they announced that there is a need to fill PTO board positions with responsibilities for Hospitality (i.e. Luncheons) School Support (carpool), and Parent Coordination. Anyone who is interested or knows of somebody should contact the PTO.
 - B. Athletic Boosters: No report.
- III. Public Comments: No public comments
- IV. Managing Director's Report
 - A. Congratulations to Odyssey of the Mind – Going to World competition in May
 - B. Serve¹⁰ is a huge success - approximately 5,827 hours have been logged through March.
 - C. Shared CMS slides for county commissioners with LNC Board.
 - D. HR10, which is the Quality Charter Schools Act, is in process, and if approved could allow grant support to charter schools.
- V. Finance Update –
 - A. Working on 2014-2015 budget, and nothing to report at this time.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Strategic Planning Committees
 - 1. Cross-Cultural – will be evaluating results of diversity study.
 - 2. Partnership – Tour of Siemens will be after spring break. An internship has begun at dentist.
 - 3. College Counseling – Will meet with sophomores to discuss standardized testing (ACT, SAT), Naviance tool being more heavily used as resource for students/families. Panel with seniors to talk to juniors to share how to differentiate themselves. Continuing to work on developing a parent group to work on the scholarship piece, as well seminars with LNC Seniors. Feedback

from alumni survey highlighted a need to have more research and writing in the curriculum to better prepare them for college coursework.

4. Technology – spent time with Hough High School discussing the tech program and sharing best practices.

VII. New Business

- A. Terri Costa proposed adding a service requirement with accountability for all high school students to align with LNC's mission. Students would be required to perform 2.5 hours of service per quarter. Clubs and athletic teams will also provide opportunities to meet the requirement. Students who do not successfully complete the requirement would be limited from participating in extracurricular activities and/or sports. No board vote necessary.
- B. Motion to approve three staffing recommendations proposed by Shannon Stein, motion made by Mike Manahan, seconded by Eddie Bethea, motion carried.
- C. Mike Manahan made a motion to approve Anna Blackwelder and Steve Jones as new board members with terms beginning in July. Seconded by Kevin Lambert, motion carried.
- D. Eddie Bethea made a motion to approve 2nd terms for current board members Cynthia Bush, Laurie Fabian, and Mike Manahan. Seconded by Michael Putman, motion carried.
- E. Motion to approve slate of officers for 2014-2015 with Mike Manahan - Chairman, Kevin Lambert - Vice Chair, and Cynthia Bush - Treasurer made by Eddie Bethea and seconded by Mike Putman, motion carried
- F. Motion to approve recommended changes to student handbook by Mike Manahan, seconded by Eddie Bethea, motion carried
- G. Board held a discussion of public relations for charter schools including treatment of charter schools in recent articles and publications. Discussion included recently closed charter schools, impact on LNC and other charters, getting the correct word out.

Motion to move into Closed Session by Mike Manahan, seconded by Cynthia Bush. Moved into Closed Session at 8:14 pm.

Returned from Closed Session at 9:27 pm.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mike Manahan at 9:27 pm, seconded by Cynthia Bush.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
James F. Cuttino