



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

Open Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2015

General Meeting

Attending: Kevin Lambert – Board Chair, Anna Blackwelder, Cynthia Bush, Ricky Jones, Steve Jones, Mike Putman, Sherri Latten, Thomas McElroy, Kyle Burkey, Shannon Stein - Superintendent

Call to order at 7:00 PM by Kevin Lambert

I. Approval of Minutes

A. November Board Minutes

Motion to approve the November minutes by Michael Putman, seconded by Thomas McElroy, motion carries.

II. Support Organizations

A. PTO:

- i. Lunch order just ended for the week of Jan. 4th – Feb. 5th.
- ii. Hospitality committee is getting ready for the grab and go luncheon tomorrow.
- iii. The holiday cookie walk will be next Friday (Dec. 11th).
- iv. The holiday gifting for the staff is in full swing. Each staff member will receive a gift card to his or her favorite store.
- v. The spirit wear committee is getting ready to showcase the online store. They will promote this to the LNC community when they are ready.
- vi. The special events committee hosted the ring ceremony and it went well.
- vii. The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 12th.

B. Athletic Boosters:

- i. Finished with fall sports and now starting winter sports.
- ii. LNCharter has had a few basketball games and swim meets. LNCharter hosts Hough tomorrow night.

III. Financial Report

A. The audit went well and Potter & Company will report to the Board in February.

- B. Bidding out the insurance package now. Three main packages – insurance, accounting and benefits. Four brokers are bidding on them now and they will report out in January.

IV. Superintendent's Report

- A. State Report Card went live on December 1st. A hard copy will be send out to parents before winter break. The school received an A. Only 6% of North Carolina schools get A's (13% of charter schools) .
- B. DPI came out to interview Brandon Brown for Charter School Teacher of the Year. It went really well.
- C. Sue Scott, the school's registrar, noted how our lottery is up 5% from last year.
- D. Matt Schlegel presented the tennis teams as the state champions. They finished another year undefeated and took home the title for the second year in a row. Their record was 35-0 and all six girls were recognized in the semi-finals. The Archer girls won for doubles in the state.
- E. Cody Willets, the theater teacher, recognized the two productions that went to NCTC and the one that went to states. Several awards were given out:
 - i. Excellence in Directing – Mr. Willets
 - ii. Student Director Awards – Kendal Poindexter
 - iii. Excellence in Set Building – Cameron Latten
 - iv. Excellence in Assistant Director and State Management – Julia Salvador
 - v. Excellence in Technical Direction – Chloe Hanson
 - vi. Excellence in Acting – Jacob LaVoie
 - vii. Outstanding Actor – Ben Sizemore
 - viii. Excellence in Stage Makeup for *Over the River*
 - ix. *Over the River* took a superior rating at states and overall came in 4th place
 - x. Cameron Latten received a full ride scholarship for design and production and so did Chloe Hanson.

Willetts shared a touching story about a student from another school who wrote the cast a thank-you for performing *Over the River*. This student had recently left his hometown and lost his grandparents – a similar connection to the play.

V. Old Business

- A. Cross-Cultural – None
- B. Technology – None
- C. Strategic Planning Committees – None

- D. College Counseling – None
- E. Knights Fund – Ricky Jones thanked everyone for helping with this fund and acknowledged Mr. Smith's and Mrs. Holland's blogs about the Invest in Excellence campaign. Within a day from Cynthia's reminder email, there was a spike in the investment. More communication will go out to the community on the 14th of December. The board is looking to have more personal conversations with parents they are close with about the Invest in Excellence program. They are hoping this will encourage people to give at the leadership level (\$2,500+). They have also created a testimonial piece on the website so other families can see and hear about what people are saying.
- F. Elementary Planning Update – The land has been purchased and there is a signed purchase agreement. The land is about three to four miles from the school off Hambright Road. It is a 37 acre land lot that will be used for future development (sport fields, partnership with Huntersville Park and Rec). Shannon and Matt met with Michael Jaycocks from Huntersville Park and Rec and they are currently working on a partnership; however, they have a new mayor and board so question of turnover and a new vision may develop. By the end of Jan., the committee plans on brainstorming ideas about the curriculum and hiring an educational leader to help with planning. Steve Jones questioned the communication to the community about the school and there will be some sort of explanation about the school being part of a master plan, not just an elementary school facility. The opening of the new school will be in 2017-2018 starting grades K-2.

VI. New Business

- A. The 2016-2017 Calendar
 - i. This has been a two month process that starts with SALT, then to administration, to department heads and team leads and then to the entire staff for input. This calendar starts later with 180 days. The graduation date being moved to a different day per a parent request was denied due to the greater good of the LNCharter community. Cynthia discusses about adding a make-up day to the calendar as well as looking more closely at the half-days throughout the year.

Steve Jones motions to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar, Ricky Jones second, motion carries.

Michael Putman motions to end to the meeting, Thomas McElroy seconds, motion carries and meeting concludes at 8:08 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Ricky Jones with assistance by Danielle Derwich