

**Lake Norman Charter Open Board Meeting Minutes
February Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2025
7:00 PM Eastern Time**



General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-Superintendent, Greg Kilpatrick, Derik Screen, Ridgley Chapman, Michael Eastwood, Amy Carr, Gray Morris, Craig Randall, Nicole Benford, Jared Tilley

Greg Kilpatrick called the general meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Motion to move to a closed session pursuant to NC General Statutes § 143-318.11(a)(3) by Craig Randall; seconded by Amy Carr at 6:01 PM.

Craig Randall moved to go into closed session at 6:29 pm; seconded by Amy Carr

Motion to move to a closed session pursuant to NC General Statutes § 143-318.11(a)(6) by Craig Randall; seconded by Amy Carr at 6:30 PM.

Craig Randall moved to go into open session at 7:10 pm; seconded by Amy Carr

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

I. Support Group Update

A. PTO

1. Kim Schild (PTO president at HS):
 - a. On all three campuses, on February 28, there will be an OSCARS staff lunch from Maggianos.
 - b. PTO will be communicating with campus principals regarding 25-26 grant offerings so that staff will have time to project their needs for the next school year.
 - c. Mid-winter push with spirit wear is happening.
 - d. At the high school there are a few pilot projects during the lunch program. Key Club students have been able to volunteer during lunchtime, and this has been positive. They have also added a vegetarian Indian restaurant from Huntersville, and it is a big hit.
 - e. At the elementary school, in January, there was a community night, and there was a huge turnout. They had "Donuts with a Grown Up" last week and tickets are on sale now for the Father-Daughter dance.

B. Athletic Boosters

1. The swim team placed first in regionals and is currently at the State Championship in Raleigh now.
2. Spring sports start Monday at the middle school and Wednesday at the high school.

II. State/School Report

- A. Dr. Kendrick was just nominated for the Competitive Math Coaching award.
- B. Family and staff surveys are out now. They are due February 10. This information is used in the retreat.
- C. The lottery closed January 31. There were 6,588 applications, a 6% increase from last year. The lottery will be held on February 12.

- D. Optimal School Schedule Committee: The committee was formed after the School Leadership Team (SLT) discussed adding more flexibility and time to our school schedule. The board gave permission to form an exploratory group to look at different options and many were explored. After significant consideration, the committee decided that the four-day week was the one we wanted to explore more deeply. After extensive research and discussion, the committee has decided not to recommend a change to our school schedule. While we thoroughly explored a four-day school week, several key factors led us to this decision: impact on teaching and learning, longer school days/school year, lack of comparable models, equity and access considerations and athletics. The partnership with Atrium Health is going very well. A telehealth program provides services to 16 of LNC's students in teletherapy; three are on the referral list.
- E. Executive Orders: There were three things in the last week:
1. Federal funding freeze, and then it was unfrozen.
 2. Compliance information was provided to staff regarding the immigration executive orders.
 3. New renderings of the inside of the new elementary school were shared. There will be a groundbreaking date sometime in March.

III. Old Business:

- A. THRIVE: Mike Eastwood: There was a full committee meeting last month. The committee discussed communication development for the Career Speaker Series at the high school (Second week after spring break). The FlexiSched will be used to schedule students for the series of speakers. Knights of Distinction: There will be a leadership reflection in the 10th-grade English classes. The journalism and yearbook students will help support the communication and advertisements.
- B. FlexiSched has provided an opportunity for teachers to explore new ideas and focus on their mental health as well. :) It is going really well.
- C. Future Ready: There is an AI Training on February 13 with the AI Ambassadors. A mission statement, which is all-inclusive, has been drafted to be put on the webpage. The PoG is continuing to work on their topics and statements.

Motion to move to a closed session pursuant to NC General Statutes § 143-318.11(a)(6) by Craig Randall; seconded by Amy Carr at 7:42 PM.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.