

Lake Norman Charter Open Board Meeting Minutes
March Meeting Minutes
March 5, 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 Tilly

Greg Kilpatrick called the general meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

The February meeting minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

I. Support Group Update

- A. PTO president (virtual) -celebrating staff with campus and roll out red carpet; Oscar party looking forward to celebrating around spring luncheon in April and in May staff appreciation week. Elementary school father-daughter 450 attendance record HS pilot program. Coordinating Charlotte FC opener, March 1. Staff grants and review before the end of the year.
- B. Athletic Boosters
 - 1. Stein subs in for Schlegel. Conference realignment finalized Lincoln Charter, Pine Lake Prep CSD CTK, Bradford Prep, and other area charters. On March 25, the head of schools meeting to discuss bylaws and explore exciting changes with the realignment.
 - 2. Shout out to the championship men's and women's swim and dive teams - 3A State women's back to back and the first ever for men. Spring sports are in full swing. Thank you, Boosters, for the hard work and support involved throughout the year. Brand new scoreboard purchased for the turf field, and a new scoreboard for the baseball field at HAP- Board question if conference realignment just to be HS? Stein answered that the proposal is to join the middle school conference, build rivalry and connections, and do things beyond sports, i.e., choral and band competitions, spelling bees, Battle of Books with like-minded schools.

II. State/School Report

- A. Stein - Congratulations to Battle of Books, the next level is regionals.
- B. ES construction update: dig footers for gym, rebar in place, things are tested, and draft storm drainage test next week. We should know tomorrow if we can proceed with the tennis courts at the next meeting.
- C. MS Builders Club: Ms. Gilbert advisor and student representatives: 8th grade Ayushi gives a heartfelt homage to Builders Club. Here are some highlights: feeling like you belong is important; it allows you to be yourself; when we work together we come up with amazing ideas and points of view; Builders Club makes everyone feel like a part of the family. The strong bonds make everyone feel included. She heard about it in 5th grade, but she was too shy; she is so excited to be a part of the club, and she has grown so much. Once a month for an hour- say a pledge and then activities- One of her meaningful experiences was to write letters to a veteran. Another 8th grader- the club offers a circle of opportunities. After the meetings, she feels accomplished; they provide shelters and supplies to animal shelters. The advisors are amazing to help the students socialize like the color activity, where students are put in multi-grade level groups and assigned a color system. The group makes a difference with the school kids

clubhouse where Builders Club members are giving back to the community. 150 estimation of students in this current year. Kiwanis representatives visited the board meeting as well.

III. LNC Investment Report

- A. PNC representatives, Jake Smith, an analyst in person and virtually, Frank Pak, an Investment advisor (in business since 1998) gave the board handout about the portfolio review from PNC regarding LNC long term investments.

IV. Old Business

- A. THRIVE: Mr. Eastwood- speaker recruitment series beginning. Mr. Funchess started asking for volunteers 2 weeks ago:
 - 1. Currently, 28 yes responses and an additional 4 today.
 - 2. Targeted communications upcoming.
 - 3. Knights of Distinction working with yearbook students for next year - cords for graduation.
 - 4. Subcommittee to look at timing/structure of full launch for 2024-2025. Want the applications before graduation.
- B. Future Ready: Mr. Screen benchmark progress toward meeting annual goals.
 - 1. AI ambassadors work through AI impact- Deliver guidelines before the end of the school year on integrity and acceptable use, they realize that students are using AI, some approved and some not approved.
 - 2. Refining seven durable skills
 - 3. Mark Maleck will join Future Ready committee next meeting on March 27th- Question is what are we doing to help students because some colleges are using AI to filter through the essays, Ms. Stein answered there is a danger in overreacting to that article. Ms. Stein gave a shout out to English teachers. A board member was concerned about our students getting looked over if we are not trained with the college essay application AI readings.

The general meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.