

Lake Norman Charter Open Board Meeting Minutes
May Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2025
7:00 PM Eastern Time



General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-Superintendent, Greg Kilpatrick, 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.

I. Support Group Update

- A. PTO - This week is a *Wicked* Staff appreciation week. Staff grants will be allotted by the end of this week. Wednesday, May 28, at 11:00 will be the final luncheon for the staff. The kindergarten ceremony will be held during the school day. High school graduation will happen on May 27.
- B. Athletic Boosters - The Booster Club gave away four scholarships last night at Senior Awards Night. The signing ceremony happened today. LNC has several students playing at a college level.

II. State/School Report

- A. HS Key Club ES Project: Several projects through the Key Club. Seventy-five students from the HS made 1100 notes/cards to encourage elementary and middle school students to support mental health and ease testing anxiety.
- B. Board Report: We partnered with the Atrium Health Telehealth program. A barrier to mental health services was taking off work or missing school. This has been very successful this school year. Actively, LNC has 22 students at the MS and five at the HS who receive mental health services at school.
- C. Silver Knight Award: Annually do more than 75 hours of service. There were 144 students who qualified: 15,000 hours collectively.
- D. Ms. Arrieta did some poetry slams with the 5th grade this year, revolving around historical events.
- E. North Carolina was required to sign a Title 6 certification. Stating LNC is not boosting one race over another and is not teaching any extreme ideas. LNC is compliant with all of the requirements.
- F. ES West: Plumbing is complete, and the foundation is poured. The partnership with Parks and Rec is going to be a success. The builder has been very responsive. Interiors have been selected. The October Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 on the ES-West campus, and the board will participate in the time capsule.
- G. Legislative Update: The budget is bumpy now. This has to do with tax cuts and revenue in the area. This offers teachers and county workers a 1.25 % yearly increase for the next two years. Stein will update the staff in the fall.
- H. SB55: Limiting cell phone usage in K-12 schools. LNC must develop a policy to limit cell phone usage at all schools.

- I. AI Executive Order: Integration of AI K-12 and education for educators.

III. Finance Update

- A. Update: Balance sheet- cash in general operating is still steady. Shifted some cash into the money market for more interest. \$16.3 mil in assets, \$60,000 in payables. On the P&L side, LNC has \$20 mil in revenue and \$14 in expenditures, and an additional \$2 million comes out for expenditures. Surplus of \$2.3.
- B. Budget Amendment Highlights: State growth funding, E-rate, SRO grant, and teacher bonuses. Local sure up from CMS, interest income, bond related income, ERC interest earnings, one time purchases, bonuses, and places and spaces.
 - 1. Budget Amendment #2: Net change of \$6,400.

Motion to approve Budget Amendment #2 by Amy Carr; Nicole Benford, seconds; motion passes.

IV. Old Business:

- A. THRIVE:
 - 1. Career Speaker Series: The use of FlexiSched was very helpful. There was more engagement. Students selected who they wanted to see. There were some panels; there was not as much student participation in these, but the conversations were rich. Continued collaboration is needed to continue to improve this through speakers and Naviance.
 - 2. Knights of Distinction: In-person presentations were a part of the application process. There were nine applicants, and five students won and received cords. The process was run well; there is room for improvement.
 - 3. 10th-grade honors English piloted a project for leadership.
- B. Future Ready:
 - 1. Dr. Graham: The team met in May. They discussed the AI Ambassadors and the impact they have had through training the staff. The following year will be about bringing the students into the picture and teaching them how to use AI.
 - 2. Portrait of a Graduate (PoG) was better defined and developed its descriptors and durable skills (along with graphics). The final committee meeting will be this month, and they will begin planning for next year. They have a new Core Value Statement Proposal. There are currently five values, but a new one is to be added, which touches on durable skills.

Motion to approve the new Core Value Statement by Nicole Benford; Ridgley Chapman, seconds; motion passes.

IV. New Business

- A. Amended Joint Use Huntersville Park & Recreation Agreement: Continued and expanded partnership. While building ES-West, there have been some additions and shared areas between Parks and Rec and the new ES: tennis courts, pickleball courts, long-term maintenance of tennis courts, as well as monetary contributions.

Motion to approve the Amended Joint Use Huntersville Park & Rec. Agreement by Nicole Benford; Craig Randall seconds; motion carries.

B. Handbook Updates/Amendments:

1. Consolidating the LNC extracurricular code. All in one place.
2. AI Expectation Guidelines
3. Clarification on the attendance makeup policy at the high school
4. Updated Croc wearing rules at the middle school
5. Updated HS Academic standards based on NC standards
6. HS Discipline Matrix added
7. Information about buying parking passes at CPCC and LNC

Motion to approve the updates/amendments to the handbook by Gray Morris; Jared Tilly seconds; motion carries.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Motion to move to a Closed session pursuant to NC General Statutes § 143-318.11(a)(6) by Craig Randall; Gray Morris seconds; motion passes.