



**Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting  
Open Board Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2024  
7:00PM Eastern Time**

**General Meeting**

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

**Greg Kilpatrick called the general meeting to order at 7:06 PM.**

**Approval of October Meeting Minutes**

*The October meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.*

**I. Support Group Update**

**A. PTO**

1. On Wednesday all day Spiritwear sale from 8-2:00. Cookie walk in December. Campus-specific sign up genius will be posted tomorrow. Season of Giving committee is planning a memorable experience for the staff.

**B. Athletic Boosters**

1. All of the sports teams ended the season amazingly. The cross country team won and placed in state championship. The varsity football team finished 9 and 1. Women's golf won the conference championship. Soccer finished 7/10 and 4. Women's tennis was undefeated 34 and 0. They won this evening and are going to states. Volleyball ladies finished 23 and 3.
2. The 2024 Royal Golf raised over \$18,000 for the athletic teams through this event.
3. Winter sports season at the middle and high school have started.

**II. State/School Report**

**A. Updates**

1. LNC is expanding the partnership with Parks and Recreation to work with the new park near the elementary school. The partnership will include tennis courts. LNC will build them and Parks and Rec will maintain them. There is also a nature trail being created. More negotiations are to come.
2. Demi Ckezepis, our nominee for the Charter Teacher of the Year, had a visit today from the committee. It was an excellent visit.
3. The LNC Elementary and Middle Schools were highlighted as the top schools in the state. ES 6th and MS 8th were the top
4. The marching band made their first performance this past week at the Friday game and in Davidson.

**B. Places and Spaces**

1. The new campaign for Places and Spaces has been created to target the: Adventure Playground at the elementary school, The Hill at the middle school and the Knights Plaza at the high school. This will kick off in the next week and a half. The trifold with the information will be coming home in the mail shortly. The target fundraising goal is still being worked up. All three areas are approximately the same price.

- C. Serve and Play is November 25 and will encompass all three schools leading and playing together.**

### **III. Old Business:**

- A. THRIVE: The high school Speaker Series will begin the second week after spring break. The Friday of the final week there will be a modified schedule for panels. Knights of Distinction will be embedded into the LIA curriculum and creating a nomination application process. The LIA Subcommittee is working to map how all schools tie together with the LIA curriculum.
- B. Future Ready: The AI baseline survey has been deployed. Most teachers agree this is an important initiative for themselves and students. The goals were established: Establish guiding principles for AI use at LNC, benchmark schools and UNCC who have successfully implemented AI, rebrand our current portrait of a graduate to focus on skills that measure durable skills outlined in NC Portrait of a Graduate, and present a revision of the LNC mission statement.
- C. IDE&A: Arab American Heritage Month was in October. Twenty students attended the student diversity and inclusion council to partner. The IDEA modules are being integrated into the BluePrint. They are considering some guest speakers to make this more personalized. Many resources are being provided for teachers. Seventh grade will begin to integrate the drop everything and talk into the social studies class so they are not rushed and the conversation is more organic.
- D. Elementary Construction Update: LNC has the financing and LNC believe the grading permit will be here by Friday and we can begin breaking ground after LNC has this permit.

### **IV. New Business**

- A. 2025-2026 Calendar Proposal
  - 1. Draft calendar has been shared with staff and families for input. School will begin on August 14. Winter break remains two weeks long. Spring break is aligned with Easter and CMS. School ends at the end of May. Fifth and ninth grade transition days will continue.

***Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Calendar by Nicole Benford; Gray Morris seconds; motion carries.***

***The general meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.***