

Lake Norman Charter School Board

Meeting Minutes - Open Session

9-13-2007

Board members present:

Rich Bovard	Tom Ghareeb
Rob Dixon	Tricia Sisson
Cathy Moore	Ron Jones
Billy Neal	Eddie Bethea
Dana Waldrop	Kristi Miller

Administrative Staff present: Ben Putnum, Mike McAlpin, Christy Hutchison, Allen Long, Terri Costa

Discussion / agenda items:

- Call to order @ 7:05pm by Rich Bovard
- Approval of "Open" & "Closed" session minutes – motion by Billy, second by Eddie. Motion carried.
- Public comments - none
- D&O insurance representative present for discussion of coverage (7:08pm)
 - carrier Hartford
 - examples of coverage discussed (criminal acts not covered)
 - statutory protections for voluntary board members applies
 - request for copy of policy
- Managing Director's report (7:20pm)
 - LNCS 2007/08 School Calendar proposal for changes presented; motion to approve by Dana, second by Rob, motion carried.
 - discussion of 5th grade field trip and concern regarding percentage of participation; percentage of students participating trending downward with rising cost of trips
 - comments presented by staff
 - discussion of less costly/shorter field trip presented
 - suggestion to send out "interest" letter for 5th grade
 - discussion of 8th grade field trip proposal to YMCA Camp near Asheville
 - agenda/activities and cost presented
 - cost per student amount agreed upon - \$225
 - forms submitted; dates proposed – May 7, 8, 9
 - motion by Tom to approve proposed trip, second by Billy, motion carried
 - Leadership Initiatives by grade level discussed
 - discussion of Open House ceremony for middle school – proposed time frame for early October
 - discussion of 9th grade field trip
 - proposed time frame for late April
 - 3 day/2 night trip to Bogue Banks (Atlantic Beach) – "Sound to Sea"
 - cost per student amount agreed upon - \$250
 - motion by Tom to approve proposed trip, second by Kristi, motion carried
 - "punch" list for middle school – work in progress
 - High School registration numbers – currently @ 117
 - demographics for LNCS presented – currently 87.6% Caucasian, last year was stated as 93%
 - Bragg/Earnhardt land update – these properties now owned by LNCS
 - discussion/decision to publicize land acquisition
 - update on status of modular buildings
 - architect from CMS has visited and expressed interest in purchase
 - decision to sell/move the 2 currently empty buildings ASAP
 - await proposal – expect around first of October
 - discussion of projected plans for future LNCS high school building
 - test results presented by Christy Hutchinson; score of 93.309 at or above grade level
 - request for report of score breakdown

- PTO update presented by PTO president (8:35pm)
 - discussion of various fundraisers
 - announcement of \$2,000 available for each grade level (carry over from last school year)
 - plan to schedule meeting with SunTrust bank to discuss new checking accounts/LNCS benefit
 - NSF check policy/procedure discussion – decision for PTO to set their guidelines
- Treasurer's report (8:50pm) – none
- Committee reports
 - Policies & Personnel – Dana and Tricia presented policy updates
 - Field Trip Policy – motion to approve by Rob, second by Billy, motion carried
 - Transportation Policy – pending further edit
 - Harassment Policy – draft submitted for review; Rich will forward for attorney input
 - Review of Employee Records & Employee Referral Policy – draft submitted for review
- Golf event with NorthStone for November 7th – decision to defer to spring
- Board retreat – defer to November; discussion of outside vendor to facilitate; weekday preference by majority; email to be sent by Rich to survey board preferences
- Old business – diversity training was done in August

Motion to enter “closed” session (9:15pm) by Kristi, second by Rob. Motion carried.

Return from “closed” session @ 12:15am. Motion by Billy to adjourn, second by Rob, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Moore, Secretary