

LIONSGATE ACADEMY  
District #4183  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 15, 2017, 6:00 pm  
Lionsgate Academy 5605 Green Cir Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55343

**TO:** Jim Harms, Sara Bydzovsky, Jo Sander, Christine Peper, Emy Bachman, Ali Thorstad - absent, Steve Sawyer, Liz Wielinski and Laura Cottington.  
Others: Diane Halpin, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Special Education Director; Ron Berger, Director of Finance & Operations  
**FROM:** Ali Thorstad, Chair

**Call to order:** Emy Bachman 6:08

**School Mission Statement:**

*The mission of Lionsgate Academy is to foster self-determination by providing a transitions-focused, personalized learning program for all students, specializing in educating students with autism spectrum disorders.*

**Comments from Community Members:** Public Comment is an open forum portion of the meeting and is an opportunity to present an issue, concern, or other statement to the Board of Directors. Individuals wishing to address the Board must sign up prior to the Call to Order and will be allotted three (3) minutes. Total public comment will be limited to twenty one (21) minutes. - None

**Conflict of Interest Declaration - None**

**Approval of the Agenda**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Wielinski		<b>Seconded by:</b> Cottington	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Amendment – Add Governance back to Committee reports**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve consent agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Wielinski		<b>Seconded by:</b> Sander	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Model:**

**1. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes 4-20-17 and 5-18-2017
- b. Governance Committee Report
- ~~c. Approval of Policies~~

**2. Special Education Update**

- a. Graduation
  - i. Graduation was held at the Marriott on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Attendance exceeded initial estimates for seating. 24 students participated in the event with 8 students taking diplomas and the remainder continuing toward transition programs either at AIM or within their respective home districts.
- b. AIM
  - i. AIM Send-Off reception was held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the NSP Campus.
  - ii. 13 students exited the program; all received diplomas.

**Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:**

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- iii. 11 seniors from GCD have committed to attend AIM next year
- iv. AIM has had 3 to 5 enrollments from outside Lionsgate
- c. Family Picnic
  - i. Family picnic was held on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Valley Park. Many thanks to Ryan Rehnstrand for organizing the picnic.
- d. 2016-17 Summary of IEP/Evaluation Meetings
  - i. 170 meetings GCD
  - ii. 53 meetings NSP/AIM
  - iii. 12 meetings NSP/Lynx
  - iv. 235 total
- e. Summer Projects
  - i. Handbooks for LYNX and AIM
  - ii. Level system for LYNX
  - iii. Lionsgate East
  - iv. Work based learning
  - v. Synergy – our new platform
  - vi. Negotiating contacts with new therapy company for GCD - POR

### 3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. Prior Plan
  - i. Dr. Halpin presented a final update on the last strategic plan. The plan was implemented over the past 4 years and included 16 goals and 38 initiatives.
- b. New Plan
  - i. Updated mission and revised themes
  - ii. Members invited to look, think, make notes for suggestions.

### 4. Business

- 1. Director’s Report-Diane
  - i. Positions open include social worker, SPED coordinator (NSP), SPED Coordinator (East), HR Generalist, Health Coord/Lunch Lady (NSP), Job Coach (NSP)
  - ii. GCD Principal position filled by internal candidate
  - iii. Discussion of benefits and drawbacks of adding a half student day on the last day of school for teachers. Board to consider and vote at July meeting.
  - iv. NOTE: 10/26 = School Board Meeting for World’s Best Workforce
  - v. Student Achievement - Defer to July Meeting
- 2. Foundation Update
  - i. Breakfast – raised \$48,693, about \$6K in expenses
  - ii. Pickin’ for Autism – raised \$11,077, less \$256 in expenses
  - iii. Booster funds will pay for school store
- 3. Committee Reports
  - i. Governance
    - 1. Performance Assessment – give back at next meeting
  - ii. Finance
    - 1. Committee Update
      - a. Budget submitted to MDE
      - b. Auditors MMKR will do audit & prepare returns

<b>Motion:</b> Move to appoint MMKR as Lionsgate Academy’s auditors for FY 2017..			
<b>Made by:</b> Wielinski		<b>Seconded by:</b> Peper	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

2. Financials  
 a. Year End Resolution

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve May financial statements as presented..			
<b>Made by:</b> Cottington		<b>Seconded by:</b> Sander	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

<b>Motion:</b> Move to authorize coverage of deficit in food service fund from general fund..			
<b>Made by:</b> Wielinski		<b>Seconded by:</b> Harms	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

iii. Building

1. GCD gym floor is in, some mats are up
2. We've ordered equipment per our grant
3. Waiting for pricing on East Campus Buildout
4. Next meeting, members can see floor plans for East

iv. Executive Director Evaluation

1. Closed Meeting - at 7:09 p.m.

<b>Motion:</b> Move to close meeting from public for Executive Director evaluation.			
<b>Made by:</b> Wielinski		<b>Seconded by:</b> Bydzovsky	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0
<b>Motion:</b> Move to open meeting to public at 9:11 p.m..			
<b>Made by:</b> Wielinski		<b>Seconded by:</b> Sander	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Motion to Adjourn:**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to adjourn at 9:13 p.m..			
<b>Made by:</b> Sander		<b>Seconded by:</b> Wielinski	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Next Meeting:** July 20, 2017, 6:00 pm