

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2017, 6:00 pm

Lionsgate Academy 2342 Helen Street N, North St Paul, MN 55109

TO: Jim Harms, Sara Bydzovsky, Jo Sander, Christine Peper, Emy Bachman, Ali Thorstad (ab), Darren Johnson, Liz Wielinski, and Laura Cottington.
Others: Diane Halpin, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Special Education Director; Ron Berger, Director of Finance
FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: Emy Bachman, Vice Chair 6:04pm

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.

Conflict of Interest Declaration: None

Approval of the Agenda

- a. Ron asked for the FY18 budget to be taken off tonight's agenda (Will address at May's Board Meeting)

Motion: Move to approve agenda with the FY18 budget being struck from agenda.			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Cottington	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes 3-23-2017
- b. Governance Committee Report 4-5-2017
- c. Approval of Policies
 - i. ~~611 Weapons Policy DRAFT~~
 - ii. ~~617 Tobacco Free Environment DRAFT~~
 - iii. ~~907 Prohibition of and Accountability for Destruction of Property DRAFT~~
 - 1. Governance Committee received feedback on policies after Board Materials were sent out and asked to pull these off of the consent agenda

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda minus 611, 617 and 907 policies.			
Made by: Sander		Seconded by: Wielinski	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

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2. Special Education Update

- a. GCD Update
 - i. There have been lots of transition meetings, meeting new students and assigning of caseloads.
 - ii. PROM is coming up this Saturday, April 22
- b. AIM Update
 - i. Smash Brothers tourney on Saturday, April 22
 - ii. 1st dance is coming up and scheduling is underway for next year.
- c. LYNX Update
 - i. Planning is underway to create improved space – making it more practical/functional and soundproof.
 - ii. Additional space will be needed when East campus opens

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. IEP Goal Achievement Tracking
 - i. Dr. Halpin shared the school is at 58% passing, with median achievement of IEP objectives at 88% and mode being 100%.
 1. In regard to writing and reading we're doing well.
 2. Social competencies goals need more work.
 - a. We need to review how we're writing goals and setting benchmarks

4. Business

1. Director's Report-Diane
 - i. Student Achievement
 1. Transportation Brief: Osseo school district requested a due process hearing regarding transportation of a student who was open enrolled. Findings were in favor of the family however the district may appeal. LGA will support parents who wish to pursue this issue by offering a place to meet, assisting with communications etc.
 - a. Parent meeting will be held next Wednesday, April 26th
 - b. An Amicus brief can be filed
 - ii. We received the CSP grant money.
 1. Thanks to Wendy Swanson Choi for editing work on the proposal.
 - iii. We hired 1 job coach, 1 educational assistant, interviews for Site Director of East campus complete, internal candidate will be hired pending salary negotiations
 - iv. MDE states we need a lottery pool per school when assigning schools to East vs. West campus
 - v. GCD Graduation will be 5/25 and AIM Send-off will be 5/23
2. Foundation Update
 - i. Breakfast Update
 1. We have our largest group ever signed up for the breakfast and for campus tours.
 2. We're looking for a parent volunteer for next year to take a lead in organizing.
 - ii. Pickin' Update
 1. We've sold 100 pre-sale tickets and 20 VIP tables.
 2. There are lots of great silent auction items.
3. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance
 1. Reviewed MAC evaluation which will be given at next meeting.

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- 2. We have parting gifts for Johnson, Peper and Bydzovsky
 - 3. Welcome to Steve Sawyer, Darren's replacement.
 - a. Steve introduced himself to the Board.
- ii. Finance
- 1. Committee Update
 - a. A new treasurer will be needed as Darren is stepping down.
 - i. Liz agreed to finish Darren's term as treasure for the next two months.

Motion: To appoint Wielinski as interim treasurer			
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Made by: Sander		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

- 2. Financials
 - a. We're dipping into LOC
 - b. Venture Bank line has been approved
 - c. We're owed money from the state
 - d. Food Service Fund has a deficit, it takes in little revenue
 - i. Next year is a bid year
 - e. Grants
 - i. Hennepin County Sports Grant Update
 - ii. Staff now does time reporting for CSP grant
 - f. ~~Approve FY18 Budget~~

Motion: Move to accept April financials.			
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Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Bydzovsky	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

- iii. Building
- 1. Shoreview is our leading (and only) candidate. Meeting with architect to do a preliminary plan.
 - a. There might be zoning issues. Wellington will apply for building permit.

Motion: Move to pursue the Shoreview location			
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Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Sander	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

iv. Executive Director Evaluation

1. Meetings have been scheduled to complete evaluation

5. Review: May's Board Meeting Agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn at 7:28 pm. .			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Sander	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: All	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Next Meeting: May 18, 2017, 6:00 pm

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