

LIONSGATE ACADEMY District #4183

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2017, 6:00 pm

Green Circle Drive Campus, 5605 Green Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343

TO: Jim Harms, Sarah Hauer, Amy Kunkel, Emy Bachman (absent), Steve Sawyer, Liz Wielinski, Hannah Betz, and Laura Cottington (absent).
Others: Dr. Diane Restorrf, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Special Education Director; Ron Berger, Director of Finance & Operations

FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: Ali Thorstad, Chair **6:02**

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 Model:

Motion: Move to approve agenda.			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Betz	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

1. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes 10--27-2017
2. Governance Committee Report
3. Approval of Policies

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Sawyer	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. Student Activity Presentation- Policy 413

1. Minnetonka Campus/LGA Café- Heather Anderson
2. Minnetonka Campus/School Play

Motion: Move to approve two student activities be covered by the board.			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Sawyer	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

3. Special Education Update

- 1. MDE review continues
- 2. The Lynx Program was presented during Staff Development.
- 3. Schwab, Turnbull and Rehnstrand are reviewing all evaluations and IEPs for incoming Shoreview students.
- 4. PAC/SEAC meeting had twelve families in attendance. Several indicated interest in helping with picnic.

4. Strategic Planning Update – Rehnstrand

- 1. Working on initiative to create alignment for transition programming

5. Business

- 1. Director’s Report
 - i. Staff changes
 - 1. New HR Director – Amy Christensen-Bruce
 - 2. Two new hires and two resignations
 - ii. Request to do a late arrival on Friday following Open House (9:30 a.m. for staff and 10:00 a.m. for students)

Motion: Move to approve late start post Open House			
Made by: Harms		Seconded by: Betz	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

iii. Student Achievement

- 1. First parent meeting regarding this year’s play was a success
- 2. SDQ scoring
 - a. Monitoring students with red flags

iv. Group from Minocqua, WI visited to learn more about LGA

- 1. Scott Walker will visit us in the spring, we’ve asked Gov. Dayton to attend as well.

v. Enrollment Event for Shoreview

- 1. Held on October 28th at North St. Paul
- 2. Interest generated in September via family information meetings.
- 3. Information was translated into Hmong, Spanish and Somali
- 4. See video of parents camping out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkIaGjYQQog>

vi. Professional Development Day

- 1. Tom Cody presented
- 2. Lynx staff presented on their program
- 3. Staff selected from three breakout sessions
- 4. There will be a follow up with evaluations to gain insight for future sessions

2. Foundation Update

i. Elections

- 1. Tom Freeburg – chair, Kathy Carlson – vice chair, John Valerious – treasurer, Sarah Hauer – secretary

ii. Budget was approved

iii. Annual breakfast reviewed

- 1. Speakers and volunteers needed.
- 2. Jenny Leslie has volunteered to chair the breakfast

- iv. Annual retreat has been scheduled for February 10th, 2018
- 3. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance
 - 1. Some policies needed review and were re-worked
 - ii. Finance
 - 1. Committee Update
 - a Compliance Review completed
 - 2. Financials
 - a ADM count problem has been resolved
 - b Line of credit need will occur in June
 - c Revised budget to be discussed in December

Motion: Move to approve financials.			
Made by: Sawyer		Seconded by: Wielinski	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Building
 - 1. Lease has just been received
 - 2. A license was signed for LGA to store items at Shoreview
 - a This license allowed LGA to extend insurance.
 - 3. A work area has been set up for accumulating furniture and fixtures
- iv. Executive Director Evaluation
 - 1. Current evaluation is being revised, still doing survey, incorporating interviews
 - 2. Dr. Restorff will be focusing on three goals this year.

6. Review: December's Board Meeting agenda

- 1. Add budget revision
- 2. Approve annual budget
- 3. Student activity presentations are coming

Motion to Adjourn: 8:06

Motion: Move to adjourn.			
Made by: Kunkel		Seconded by: Hauer	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: December 19, 2017, 6:00 pm Green Circle Drive Campus