

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2017, 6:00pm
Lionsgate Academy 5605 Green Cir Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55343

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

Call to order: Ali Thorstad, Chair 6:08 p.m.

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.

1. Samantha from Novation sent an update on goals to all board members.

Conflict of Interest Declaration - None

Approval of the Agenda

- a. Sander asked to add survey to Governance section
- b. Policy 705 and 921 were pulled from consent agenda for discussion under Governance
- c. Prior Meeting Minutes 4-20-2017 was pulled from consent agenda for edits

Motion: Move to approve agenda with addition of survey, striking Prior Meeting Minutes 4-20-2017 from consent agenda and Policies 705 and 921 to be moved to Governance for discussion.			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Sander	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- ~~a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes 4-20-2017~~
- b. Governance Committee Report 5-10-2017
- c. Approval of Policies
 - i. 611 School Weapons Policy DRAFT
 - ii. 617 Tobacco Electronic Cigarette Free Environment DRAFT
 - ~~iii. 705 Immunization Requirements DRAFT~~
 - iv. 801 Section 504 Accommodations DRAFT
 - v. 912 Education of Homeless Students DRAFT
 - ~~vi. 921 Alternative Programs and Services DRAFT~~

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda minus approval of Prior Meeting Minutes 4-20-2017 and Policies 705 and 921			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Wielinski	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. Special Education Update

- a. AIM Update
 - i. Creating 3 year plans for students.
 1. Goal for year 1 is to be in classroom, for year 2 is to be in community and year 3 the goal is to be out working, volunteering, doing PSEO, etc.
 - ii. First dance went well, some students from another transitions program joined in
- b. LynxUpdate
 - i. Current structure, with three teachers, is that two are full time teachers and one does case management. This is working, all is calmer.
- c. General
 - i. Rehnstrand, Bjorkman and Boyack attended MASE conference where they learned a lot and were able to ask legal questions without being billed.
 - ii. MDE is changing language surrounding graduation rates, LGA's numbers are low due to students moving on to transitions program. This will improve LGA's numbers.
 - iii. We are reviewing assistive technology needs and plan to address student's individual AT needs at IEP meetings going forward.
 - iv. In regard to special education teacher shortage, there has been a decrease in teachers, but an increase in school psychologists and autism licensure.

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. Next month we'll walk through the old plan and present the new plan for next year. We've gone from 15 goals down to 5.
- b. Embedded therapist
 - i. We've used one at Lynx
 1. The embedded therapist at was getting involved in all crises. The goal is for the position to be involved proactively, not reactively in the future. AIM students would benefit from working with Lynx's embedded therapist, however support will be provided for them to seek support in their own communities
 - ii. We're going to be using an embedded therapist at GCD in the future
 1. We have two bids in, one from Headway, one from another provider
 2. We'll use a screener to pick up on behaviors for next year

4. Business

1. Director's Report-Diane
 - i. Student Achievement
 1. Testing – the last few students have completed the MCAs. The MTAS have been sent in.
 2. Of the lottery students coming in next year, over 50% are Foundations level.
 - ii. The LEO Program
 1. Like other schools, we'll allow for open enrollment into this program
 2. A point system was created to determine eligibility
 3. We are actively looking for 2e students, including from within our Habitudes students

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- 4. The goal is 3 students, grades 7 and up
- 5. Kosher will teach LEO class
- iii. The Site Director has been hired for Lionsgate East, we're interviewing for two Special Ed Coordinators (one for East, one for NSP). The GCD Site Director position is now open.
- iv. The CSP Grant will cover some of the East Site Director's time initially.
- v. Some staff have indicated an interest in moving to the new campus.

2. Foundation Update

i. Breakfast Update

- 1. The breakfast raised nearly \$50,000.

ii. Pickin' Update

- 1. Pickin' raised over \$10,000
- 2. Next year the plan will include having parents go out with posters and tickets to help promote the event.

iii. Indeed We Can Update

- 1. Good turnout, good vibe. It's hoped that about \$1,500 was raised.

3. Committee Reports

i. Governance

1. Evaluation

- a. The board members were asked to complete an evaluation. It was passed out and is to be returned at the next meeting.

2. Policies

- a. 705 – It was asked what our policy is should parents ask about the number of our students who are vaccinated. Our answer is that some are unvaccinated.
 - i. The statute referenced in the policy has an incorrect number and should be changed
- b. 921 – This is a brand new policy that other schools have.

Motion: Move to approve Policy 921			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Wielinski	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

3. Election Results

- a. New Board Members include Sarah Hauer (Licensed Teacher, 3 year term), Steve Sawyer (Community Member, 3 year term), Dr. Amy Kunkel (Community Member, 2 year term) and Laura Cottington (Re-elected Parent Member, 3 year term).

ii. Finance

1. Committee Update

- a. We have over \$1 million in cash and line-of-credit availability

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- b. No checks were signed by anyone other than Dr. Halpin
- c. State still owes us for FY16
- d. Grants
 - i. HC Youth Grant – almost done
 - ii. HC Equipment Grant – no docs yet
 - iii. Dreyfus Foundation Grant – presume we didn’t get it
 - iv. Fed CSP Grant – our status is “active”

2. Financials

- a. Approve FY17 Revised and FY18 Original Budget

Motion: Move to approve FY17 Revised Budget Agenda General Fund Revenue of \$11,745,122 and Expenditures of \$11,743,160 and Food Service Revenue of \$76,417 and Expenditures of \$76,417.			
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Made by: Bydzovsky		Seconded by: Sander	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to approve FY18 Revised Budget Agenda General Fund Revenue of \$13,124,234 and Expenditures of \$13,073,544 and Food Service Revenue of \$79,101 and Expenditures of \$79,101.			
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Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

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

iii. Building

- 1. We are focused on the Shoreview building, there are currently no other alternatives
- 2. Economics seem adequate
- 3. Lease is being written, letter of intent is being created, we are waiting for pricing
- 4. Dr. Halpin attended a recent Shoreview City Council meeting with a contingency of prospective Lionsgate East parents. She spoke to the council, which included the Mayor of Shoreview, as to the benefits of having Lionsgate chose their community.

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- a. A prospective parent, Amy Christensen-Bruce, spoke as well and put a face and name to the families on the wait list.
- iv. Executive Director Evaluation
 - 1. Diane's evaluation will be discussed at June board meeting
 - a. Meeting will be closed for this portion

Motion: Move to adjourn. 8:00 p.m.			
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Made by: Sander		Seconded by: Bachman	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

5. Review: June's Board Meeting Agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Next Meeting: June 15, 2017, 6:00 pm

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