

LIONSGATE ACADEMY District #4183

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2016, 6:00 pm

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

TO: Jim Harms, Sara Bydzovsky, Jo Sander, Christine Peper (ab), Emy Bachman, Ali Thorstad, 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: Ali Thorstad, Chair, 6:00 pm

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

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

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes 6-14-2016
- b. ~~Governance Committee Report~~
- c. ~~Approval of Policies~~

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Harms		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain: 1

2. Special Education Update

- a. Hiring completed for all known openings for the 2016-17 school year
 - i. Chad Damerow has been hired at AIM as Worked Based Learning (WBL) Coordinator
 - 1. Damerow is working on obtaining his WBL license

- 2. Lionsgate is contracting with Ginny Zeyer and will be utilizing her license for the school year
- b. Beginning process for 2017-18 with state monitoring
- c. One week of ESY left, going well with all programs at NSP

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. Introduction of Lisa Moss, LGA East community volunteer.
 - i. Lisa has been meeting with Diane Halpin bi-weekly regarding LGA East
 - ii. Steve Wellington interested in LGA East building potential
 - iii. Lisa willing to help with LGA East fundraising efforts
 - 1. Foundation agreed to track funds earmarked for LGA East
- b. Motion was made to approve Lisa Moss as Volunteer Community Liaison for LGA East

Motion: Move to approve Lisa Moss as Volunteer Community Liaison of LGA East.			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Cottington	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

4. Business

- a. Director's Report-Diane
 - i. Student Achievement
 - 1. All students will have Chrome Books in Fall
 - a. Spring 2016 Chrome Book pilot program with juniors was successful
 - b. \$40 fee assessed to each student; if hardship, parents to notify administration for assistance.
 - 2. Leadership, Enrichment Opportunities program (LEO) – pilot program for socially and intellectually gifted
 - ii. Board Discussed and Reviewed 2016-17 Staff Handbook updates
 - iii. Flexible use space at Green Circle Drive to be introduced as new workplace model
 - iv. 30 new employees 2016-2017 School year
- b. Foundation Update - No update
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance
 - 1. Committee to review ED Evaluation survey; update and modify as needed
 - 2. Officer Elections Discussion and Nominations

Motion: Move to approve Sara Bydzovsky for Secretary.			
Made by: Sander		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Motion: Move to approve Darren Johnson for Treasurer.			
Made by: Thorstad		Seconded by: Bachmann	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Motion: Move to approve Emy Bachmann for Vice-Chair.			
Made by: Bydzovsky		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Motion: Move to approve Ali Thorstad for Chair.			
Made by: Bachmann		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

- 3. Committee Assignments
 - a. Elizabeth Wielinski appointed to Finance Committee with Darren Johnson and Jim Harms continuing
 - b. Jo Sander appointed to Governance Committee with Emy Bachman and Ali Thorstad continuing
 - c. Laura Cottington appointed to Executive Director Evaluation Committee with Sara Bydzovsky and Chris Peper continuing
 - 4. Selection of Board Meeting Night for 2016-17
 - a. Meetings will be moved to Thursday evenings starting in August
 - 5. Review Board Volunteer Assignments for 2016-17 School Events
 - a. Board will review at next meeting, August 18, 2016
 - 6. Discuss Annual Board Training Options
- ii. Finance
- 1. Committee Update
 - 2. Financials
 - a. Revenue from State received
 - b. Bank did fund term loan in June
 - c. Transfer from general fund to food service fund, approved in last board meeting
 - d. Finances close to projected budget

Motion: Move to accept financial statements.

Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay:	Abstain:

iii. Building

1. White noise system installed and working
2. Internet network up and running
3. Classrooms being setup
4. Gym complete – October 15

Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:

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iv. ~~Executive Director Evaluation~~

5. Review: August Board Meeting agenda

- a. Add approval of 2016-17 Staff Handbook.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:02pm

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

Next Meeting: August 18, 2016, 6:00 pm