

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2012 6:00pm

Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

ATTENDEES: Ron Berger, Nicole Cleland, Meta Pautsch, ~~Bob Radspinner~~, Ryan Weber, Twila Jensen, Joan Steinmann, Meg Fuller, Anne Sarles.

OTHERS: Diane Halpin, Director, ~~Bryan Rossi, Novations~~, Emily Kafle, Special Education Coordinator, Chris Wood, Dean/Business Manager, Robert Procaccini, SBS

Call to order: 6:01 by Ron Berger, Chair

School Mission Statement:

The mission of Lionsgate Academy is to provide a transition-oriented and personalized learning program focused on secondary high-functioning students on the autism spectrum that supports their full potential, participation, and self-determination within their school, family, and community.

To this end, Lionsgate Academy will create an educational environment that will model best instructional practice and research-based techniques so that the graduates will--to the fullest extent possible--live independently, be involved in further education or gainful employment and develop meaningful relationships with others.

Approval of the agenda: Joan, 2nd Meta

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Twila, 2nd Anne

Approval of Strategic Planning Minutes: Meta, 2nd Ryan

1. Board Education/Training –

a. Required board training for new directors and Diane – Diane

i. Will have more options for the board next month.

b. Helpful documents for new board members – “Division of Roles Between Board and Administrator” and “Seven Principles of Good Charter School Governance” were distributed to Board members – Ron

c. Overview of Special Education Finances – provided overview of LGA financial reporting- Chris

2. Identifying & Scheduling Board Priorities from Strategic Planning – Reviewed and selected monthly items. - Ron

3. Business

1. Director’s Report-Diane

i. School Finance Award presented by MDE

ii. Joe Falkner is now contracted as a consultant

iii. Fundraiser’s coming up- August 15th Saints Game & 18th Motorcycle Ride .

iv. Training for staff being planned. Lynn Stansbury will be presenting St. Thomas’ Autism Licensing program and will speak about PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention System)

v. Meet and Greet for parents

vi. Parent clean up Saturday August 4th and 11th

vii. Diane would like help setting up an Open House in November

2. Foundation Update-Nicole

i. \$62,509 Balance

ii. \$43,000 Breakfast total, in process of sending thank you letters

iii. Hire consultant to write grants. Special meeting in August to meet potential candidate.

iv. Talks of reaching out to the community with the funds, giving grants to other organizations.

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3. Committee Structure-Ron
 - i. Finance- Ryan will now be on the finance committee.
 - ii. Governance- Anne will now be on the governance committee.
4. Ron's announcement that he is stepping down as Chair of the Board and resigning from the LGA School Board.
5. Committee Reports
 - i. Legislative update-none
 - ii. Governance-Joan
 1. Report
 - a. Started working on School Board Calendar
 - b. Board training & development of Board self-evaluation
 2. Elect Officers- will be held off until next meeting due.
 3. Policies to Review
 - a. Working on a way to organize policies online- Oscar
 - b. Making a matrix of when directors began and when they are up for election
 4. Policies to Approve- none
 - iii. Finance-Chris
 1. MDE update
 2. June Financial Report
 - a. State holdback calculation – 35.7% , 15% with special education
 - b. Lease aid was approved
 - c. Lacking in special education transportation 300,000 from the previous year but should come on Oct. 1st.
 - d. \$850, 666- current balance
 - e. Propose that we pay off Nonprofits assistance fund and start paying Venture
3. SBS

Motion: Move to approve June Financials.			
Made by: Joan		Seconded by: Meta	
Discussion: See financial dash board and handout.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

6. Review: August board meeting agenda
7. Review and set Board Meeting Dates (November/February are 4th Tuesdays)

Motion: To approve School Board Meeting Dates for the 2012-2013 school year.			
Made by: Joan		Seconded by: Ryan	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

Comments from Community Members

Motion to Adjourn: 8:02 Joan, 2nd Anne
Next Meeting: August 21, 2012, 6:00 PM

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