

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2013 5:00pm
Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

TO: Nicole Cleland, Ryan Weber, Meg Fuller, Tracy Klug, Christine Peper, John Barker, Ali Thorstad, and Kurt Nisi.
Others: Diane Halpin, Director; Oscar Prill, Technology Coordinator; Therese O’Meara, Special Education Teacher
FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: 5:00PM Ali Thorstad, 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: Meg, 2nd Ryan

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. Annual Report
- d. Approval of Policies
 - i. 512 Equal Opportunity Employment
 - ii. 509 Family Medical Leave
 - iii. 501 At-Will Employment
 - iv. 507 Employee Right to Inspect Personnel File
 - v. 520 Whistleblower

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Nicole		Seconded by: Tracy	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

2. Community Board Member-open seat

- a. Christine is still in communication with Darren Johnson. She is hoping he will make his decision prior to the next board meeting.

3. Open Treasurer Position

Motion: Move to appoint Kurt Nisi to the position of Treasurer.			
Made by: Christine		Seconded by: Ryan	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Decision: Unanimously Approved

4. Open Vice Chair Position

Motion: Move to re-appoint Ryan Weber to the position of Vice Chair.			
Made by: Meg		Seconded by: Christine	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

5. Board Education/Community Connections

- a. Financial Training following this meeting.
- b. Charter School Board Members now need to complete Board training each year.
- c. Still need to schedule MACS training to complete training.

6. Business

1. Director's Report-Diane

- i. Open House- Christine commented on the amazing event, especially the drama presentation. Christine and her husband were blown away by the student's talent and enthusiasm. She felt the level of involvement from students was remarkable.
 1. Several board members commented on the short time frame in each classroom, they said they would like to see more time in each room.
 2. Several board members also felt it would be nice to have a farewell statement at the end of the evening.
- ii. Ali submitted Sarah Prill as teacher of the year.
- iii. MDE Compliance Update- MDE would like to see our enrollment policy state that we do not discriminate against students with disabilities. However, the IEP team can determine if the student would better be served in another location. MDE agrees now that LGA is not a federal setting 4. They ask that we add a statement on student Individualized Learning Plans that states that students at LGA have limited access to neurotypical peers.
 1. The board would like to know if the original findings from MDE are a public document. A follow up question would be; if the documents are public can the addendum be attached. Diane agreed to follow up with this question.
- iv. Fully staffed for the first time this year, with the exception of a Licensed School Nurse part time position.
- v. 3 students have left the district. The students were 2 9th graders and an 11th grader. 3 letters have been mailed to fill the spaces in those grade levels.
- vi. Lionsgate has wrote a grant to the Foundations for \$25,000. The money will be divided between departments for the administrators to allocate as needs arise.
- vii. The Foundation is not going to put on the fundraising breakfast this year. Oscar added that the breakfast did not have the effect they had hoped. Diane does not want to see the breakfast go, she likes the idea of a Friday morning casual event to tell people about Lionsgate and ask them to donate money. They are looking at doing 4-5 smaller events. The board discussed options for fundraising. Ron added that Sponsorship may be a fundraising route to explore. Nicole commented that she feels that we can let the fundraising committee try something new this year.

Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:

Motion: Move to accept the Omnibus grant.			
Made by: Tracy		Seconded by: Kurt	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

2. Foundation Update- no updates other than
3. Committee Reports
 - i. Building Committee
 1. Will not move forward with purchasing a building. It is not fiscally responsible at this time. Our lease with Cornerstone ends in 3-years from next June. Further conversation will be had in the spring of 2014.
 - ii. Finance-
 1. October Financials
 - a. ADM is low because of students who are enrolled in post-secondary institutions.
 - b. Venture Bank and Nonprofits Assistance Fund are both open to having LGA renew their line of credit.

Motion: Move to approve October Financials.			
Made by: Meg		Seconded by: Nicole	
Discussion: See Financial Packet & Payment Register.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

2. District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for FY 2013 and FY 2014

Motion: Move to approve the District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for FY 2013 and FY 2014.			
Made by: Ryan		Seconded by: Tracy	
Discussion: See District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for FY 2013 and FY 2014			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

3. Budget Approval

Motion: Move to approve the District's revised budget for FY 2014, including combined General Fund and Food Service Fund Revenues of \$8,545,164 and Expenditures of \$8,517,387.			
Made by: Meg		Seconded by: John	
Discussion: See District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for FY 2014			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

7. **Board Materials** – Consent to only print agenda, financials, and any materials that need reviewing at the meeting will be printed. Items on the consent agenda will not be printed.
8. **Review: December Board Meeting agenda**
9. **Financial Training- Phil Hatlie**

Comments from Community Members- none

Motion to Adjourn: 6:38PM Christine, 2nd Ryan

Next Meeting: December 17th, 2013, 6:00 PM

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