

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 March 18th, 2014 6:00pm
 Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

TO: Nicole Cleland, Ryan Weber, Meg Fuller, Tracy Klug, ~~Christine Peper~~, John Barker, Ali Thorstad, Darren Johnson, and Kurt Nisi.
 Others: Diane Halpin, Executive Director; Rachel Boyack, Special Education Coordinator; Ron Berger, Director of Finance;
FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: 6:00pm 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.

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.

Approval of the agenda: Meg, 2nd Darren

Model:

- 1. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - b. Governance Committee Report
 - c. Policies to approve with an adoption date of 3/18/14:
 - i. 209 Development, Adoption, and Implementation for School Board Policies

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Nicole		Seconded by: Tracy	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

- 2. Board Education/Community Connections**
 - a. Nearly all members have had required training. This item will be removed from the April agenda.
- 3. Special Education Update-** Rachel
 - a. Resource rooms are using video modeling to teach social skills.
 - b. Business education teacher is looking into an articulated course for dual credit as soon as next year.
 - c. PBIS- started ticket system for acknowledging positive behaviors and is going quite well.
- 4. Strategic Planning Update-** On March 27th at the community meeting Diane will have an update on the strategic plan. Diane will share this update with the school board next month.

5. Business

1. Director’s Report-Diane

i. Student Achievement

1. Science MAP testing begins this week.

ii. Set capacity for grades

1. The board was asked to close enrollment of students in 9th-12th grade as well as AIM.

a. Current capacity by grade: AIM-24 students, 12th-20 students, 11th-23 students, 10th-26 students, 9th-25 students.

Motion: Move to approve set capacity at a total equal to currently enrolled students for grades 9-12, including AIM.			
Made by: Meg		Seconded by: Ryan	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

i. Diane and Ron have the opportunity to meet with Senator Bonoff, Senator Rest, and MDE regarding enrollment concerns on March 27th. Laura Booth will not be attending the meeting, but will provide coaching for LGA staff prior to the meeting. The board supports the school in moving forward with this meeting.

ii. New students have been shadowing Lionsgate students and observed them in their current settings. Parents have reported that shadowing at Lionsgate has been a positive experience.

iii. Parent/Teacher conferences are this week Thursday and Friday.

2. Foundation Update

i. Foundation will have a fundraising breakfast on Friday, May 2nd from 8-9am. Foundation is asking board members to host a table (8 people) and/or sponsor food (\$100 per table). Information is on the Foundation website.

3. Committee Reports

i. Governance

1. Approval of Policies:

a. 103 Family Engagement

Motion: Move to approve Policy 103 Family Engagement.			
Made by: Ryan		Seconded by: Nicole	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

b. 104 Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Move to approve Policy 104 Pledge of Allegiance.			
Made by: Tracy		Seconded by: John	
Discussion: None.			

Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

c. 106 Student Promotion and Retention

Motion: Move to approve Policy 106 Student Promotion and Retention.			
Made by: Meg		Seconded by: Ryan	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

d. 510 Professional Development

Motion: Move to approve Policy 510 Professional Development.			
Made by: Tracy		Seconded by: Darren	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

e. 927 Community Based Instruction (Field Trip)

Motion: Move to approve Policy 927 Community Based Instruction (Field Trip).			
Made by: Ryan		Seconded by: Nicole	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

f. 201 Board Committees

Motion: Move to approve Policy 201 Board Committees.			
Made by: Ryan		Seconded by: Darren	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

g. 206 Evaluation and Supervision of the Executive Director

Motion: Move to approve Policy 206 Evaluation and Supervision of the Executive Director.			
Made by: Meg		Seconded by: John	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Decision: Unanimously Approved

h. 205 Open and Closed Meetings

Motion: Move to approve Policy 205 Open and Closed Meetings.

Made by: Kurt	Seconded by: Nicole
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Discussion: None.

Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
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Decision: Unanimously Approved

i. 203 Board Member Training

Motion: Move to approve Policy 203 Board Member Training.
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Made by: Tracy	Seconded by: Ryan
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Discussion: None.

Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
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Decision: Unanimously Approved

j. 202 Board Member Election and Campaigning

Motion: Move to approve Policy 202 Board Member Election and Campaigning.
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Made by: Nicole	Seconded by: Meg
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Discussion: None.

Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
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Decision: Unanimously Approved

2. Presentation of Board Nominees

- a. Staff: Sarah Baumgard, Sara Bydzovsky, Malory Kosher, Mary Blaisdell
- b. Community Members: Darren Johnson & Christine Peper

3. Performance Assessment and Improvement Process Tool- Committee will be sending electronic copy of the evaluation prior to the April meeting for board members to complete.

ii. Executive Director Evaluation

- 1. Met to determine objectives using strategic plan, job description, and previous evaluations.

iii. Finance

1. Update from Finance Committee Meeting

- a. Appointed Malloy Montague Karnowski Rradosevich & Co., P.A. auditors for FY14. The Finance Committee recommended them from among four firms submitting responses to our Request for proposal.

Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:

Motion: Move to approve MMKR as Auditors for FY14.			
Made by: Kurt		Made by: John	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay:	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

- b. Administration has selected Marsh & McLennan Agency as our brokerage firm for Benefits and Risk insurance programs.
- c. Lease aid for AIM was approved by MDE effective March 10th. Site expansion was also approved by MDE.
- d. Close to getting commitment on commercial lending line of credit. Ron would requested the Board authorize administration to negotiate a line of credit through a commercial bank.

Motion: Move to authorize administration to negotiate a line of credit through a commercial bank.			
Made by: Ryan		Made by: Darren	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay:	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

2. Financials

Motion: Move to approve February Financials.			
Made by: Darren		Made by: John	
Discussion: See Financial Packet & Payment Register.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay:	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

3. Approval of Revised FY 14 Budget

Motion: Move to approve Revised FY14 Budget.			
Made by: Ryan		Made by: Tracy	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay:	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

6. Review: April Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn: 7:45PM Tracy, 2nd John

Next Meeting: April 15th, 2014, 6:00 PM