

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 16th, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Lionsgate Academy 5605 Green Cir Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55343

TO: Jim Harms, Bradford Gran, Hannah Betz, Amy Kunkel, Emy Bachman, Ali Thorstad, Steve Sawyer, Liz Wielinski, and Laura Cottingham.
Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Special Education Director; Ron Berger, Director of Finance

FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: Ali Thorstad, Chair 6:07 p.m.

School Mission Statement: Read by Director Harms

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. - None

Conflict of Interest Declaration - None

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Move to approve agenda.			
Made by: Director Wielinski		Seconded by: Director Sawyer	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. Approval of Policy 504
- d. 2018-19 Calendar

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda with corrected minutes.			
Made by: Director Wielinski		Seconded by: Director Sawyer	
Discussion: Minutes will show corrected motions as the two that occurred individually as voted.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

~~2. Special Education Update~~

~~3. Strategic Planning Update~~

~~4. Business~~

- ~~1. Director's Report Diane

 - ~~i. Student Achievement~~~~
- ~~2. Foundation Update~~

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3. Committee Reports

~~i. Governance~~

ii. Finance

1. Committee Update

a. New statements will be completed next week.

~~iii. Building~~

~~iv. Executive Director Evaluation~~

5. Review: Next Board Meeting agenda

a. **STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION COMING FROM ADMINISTRATION**

6. Board Training with Sean Elder, Chief Operating Officer, Hiawatha Academies

a. “Multi-site School Expansion- Lessons Learned” Presentation

i. Hiawatha Academies configuration (7 years as a Charter School)

1. 4 charter schools and 3,000 plus students in South Minneapolis

2. Adding a 5th school in 2019

3. Currently K-10th, high school 2019

ii. Sean shared their “Growth Experience with Governance and Organizational Design”

1. They have liaisons to the Board

2. Annual planning of each month as a Board

3. Plan staffing for each stage of growth

4. Determine size of administration team

iii. Growth Experience with Programmatic Model

1. Develop frameworks for decision making (RAPID, MOCHA, Tight-Loose)

2. Define non-negotiables across system of schools for school culture and programmatic model.

iv. Growth Experience with Finance/Operations

1. Clear financial philosophy/targets. All campuses know what their targets are.

2. Startup costs are differentiated from operating deficits

3. Utilize external contractors

4. They utilize student based finance model.

5. “Edfuel.org” as a resource

v. The LGA Board spent time navigating growth scenarios given by Sean.

vi. Hiawatha Academies has 13 board members

1. 2 staff Board members

2. 2 parent Board members

3. The remaining Board members are from the community and recruited

Motion: Move to adjourn meeting			
Made by: Director Sawyer		Seconded by: Director Kunkel	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 20th, 6:00 p.m., Green Circle Drive Campus

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