

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 December 15, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
 Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

TO: Jim Harms, Sara Bydzovsky, Malory Kosher, Christine Peper, Emy Bachman, Ali Thorstad, Darren Johnson, Chris Kenealy, and Kurt Nisi.
 Others: Diane Halpin, Executive Director; Emily Kafle, Special Education Director; Ron Berger, Director of Finance
FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: Ali Thorstad, Chair, 6:03 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: Bachman		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - i. Lionsgate Board Minutes 11-17-2015
- b. Governance Committee Report 12-1-2015
- c. Approval of Policies
 - i. 605 Crisis Management Policy

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

2. Special Education Update

- a. MDE Special Education Compliance

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- i. Currently in “self-review” cycle for MDE’s Special Education Compliance
 - 1. Due Process has come a long way since five years ago

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. World’s Best Workforce Special Meeting to follow tonight’s meeting

4. Business

- 1. Director’s Report-Diane
 - i. Student Achievement
 - ii. Enrollment
 - a. One student has left Crystal Campus
 - iii. LGA is being considered for a grant with the U of M’s Institute for Community Integration and the National Institute of Health
 - 1. Grant would be to implement a modified version of a youth mentor model “Check and Connect” over at AIM to hopefully provide students with some alternatives to going off the transitions cliff
- 2. Foundation Update
 - i. Razoo-Raise the Roof campaign has begun for the new gym for Green Circle site
 - 1. Goal of \$50,000 by January 17, 2016
 - 2. School gets to keep all money raised, with Razoo taking 6.9%
 - ii. No meeting this month
 - iii. Idea for Annual Community-In-Reach Breakfast Fundraising Lead
 - 1. 2 Year Parent Commitment
 - a. First Year: A new parent is mentored by the current Breakfast Fundraising Lead Parent
 - b. Second Year: The “mentored” parent becomes the Fundraising Lead and mentors a new parent in the process
 - 2. With parent mentors passing the torch every 1-2 years, burnout will hopefully be avoided
- 3. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance
 - 1. Board survey responses reported
 - i. Scored high in policy mission
 - 2. Two parents up for re-election next spring
 - ii. Finance
 - 1. Committee Update
 - i. No committee meeting this month
 - 2. Financials
 - a. Berger presented on revised budget for 2016

Motion: Move to approve financials.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Motion: Move to approve revision FY16 budget.			
Made by: Nisi		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

iii. Building

1. Report on

~~iv. Executive Director Evaluation~~

1. Next meeting will be held on 1/19/2016

5. Review: January's Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.

Motion: Move to adjourn.			
Made by: Bydzovsky		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Next Meeting: January 19, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

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