

LIONSGATE ACADEMY  
 District #4183  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
 November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

*Minnetonka Campus: 5605 Green Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343*

**PRESENT:** Ali Thorstad, Emy Bachman, Natalie Beazer (absent), Rachel Bell, Laura Cottington, Bradford Gran, Amy Kunkel (absent), Hannah Nelsen (absent), and Steve Sawyer.  
 Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services; Ron Berger, Director of Finance and Operations

**Call to order:** Ali Thorstad, Chair - 6:31 p.m.

**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:** None

**Conflict of Interest Declaration:** None declared

**Approval of the Agenda**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Cottington		<b>Seconded by:</b> Gran	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 5	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Model:**

**1. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. Approval of Policies
  - i. Policy 922 Use of Internet in School
  - ii. Policy 407 Fundraising and Grants
  - iii. Policy 925 Use of Reasonable Force

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve consent agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Bell		<b>Seconded by:</b> Cottington	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 5	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**2. Special Education Update - Ryan Rehnstrand**

- a. All staff training held at Minnetonka on November 20<sup>th</sup>
- b. Budgeted for 274 ADMs. Currently at 254 ADM and are at capacity in regard to setting 3 and 4 students
- c. Considering a 14,000 square foot space connected to the SHV site for the Lynx program
  - i. Would allow the program to grow to 25 – 30 students. These students would have access to SHV's green space and gym.
  - ii. Extra space made available at NSP could be used for the growing AIM program as well as create a separate DCD program for 7<sup>th</sup> grade through age 21
  - iii. Goal is to open the new Lynx space by the fall of 2019. Admin will have proposal by January board meeting.

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**3. Strategic Planning Update – Dr. Restorff**

- a. Deferred to Rehnstrand’s report

**4. Business**

- a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff

- i. Restorff and Rehnstrand attended ESA convening
- ii. Mayor of Shoreview and several city council members toured Shoreview campus, led by our LEO students
- iii. Family information meetings occurred. 60 parents attended at MTKA, 40 at SHV, next one on 12/1
- iv. Continuing conversations with Dunwoody about a partnership with their technical education program in the future. They have a paid internship and their placement rate is over 98%. Dunwoody holds classes on Mon – Fri and are more structured and supported.
- v. Cross subsidy issue regarding funding for general education vs. special education. We want to raise awareness. Cottington is willing to organize parents if a call to action is necessary.
- vi. State of MN Autism Council – Newly formed, with a goal to create a unified voice for people with ASD. Dr. Restorff is “of council”.
- vii. Student Achievement
  - 1. Per Principal Boyack
    - a. The recent staff training focused on Changing the Culture of Testing
    - b. LEO students recently toured 24 NAGC educators from around the world
    - c. Staff have started a professional development time called learning teams where staff were allowed to choose one of a variety of topics to study including digital resources, restorative justice, and more.
    - d. Robotics team has first meet on 12/2, Quiz bowl team has had a couple of meets, and play practice is starting
  - 2. Personnel – Amy Christensen-Bruce
    - a. Open enrollment for staff benefits has just closed
    - b. Safety Procedures manual will be rolling out within the week
    - c. Training was offered in regard to parent employees

- b. Foundation Update – Dr. Restorff

- i. Reported on members that have completed their term and new members that have joined

- c. Committee Reports

- i. Governance – Director Bachman

- 1. Three policies were approved
- 2. Board Chair Succession Discussion – starting the conversation about the process of looking for a replacement when and if necessary.
- 3. New board assessment will be sent out
- 4. Strategic Planning date set for 1/26, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Minnetonka

- ii. Finance – Ron Berger

- 1. Committee Update

- a. Final audit received
- b. Suggest meeting of 30 minutes on Tuesday, 11/27 to review and approve audited financial statements and management letter

- 2. Financials Statements – period ending October 31, 2018

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve October financials as submitted.			
<b>Made by:</b> Sawyer		<b>Seconded by:</b> Cottington	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 5	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

- iii. Building – Ron Berger

- 1. Gym should be completed by next board meeting

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iv. Executive Director Evaluation

1. Executive Committee will meet next week

5. **Review: Next Month's Board Meeting agenda** – revised fiscal year budget added

6. **World's Best Workforce Annual Meeting** – Immediately following November's monthly meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 7:43 p.m.

<b>Motion:</b> Move to adjourn.			
<b>Made by:</b> Bell		<b>Seconded by:</b> Cottington	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 5	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Next Meeting:** *December 18 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. Shoreview Campus: 599 Cardigan Road, Shoreview, MN 55126*

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