

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Ali Thorstad, Emy Bachman (absent), Natalie Beazer (absent), Rachel Bell, Laura Cottington, Bradford Gran, Amy Kunkel (absent), Hannah Nelsen, 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 **6:34 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

Motion: Move to approve agenda.			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Nelsen	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. ~~Approval of Policies~~
- d. Approval of Continuing Education Bylaws Change
- e. ~~2018 Revised Bylaws~~

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda, minus items "c" and "e".			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Cottington	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. Special Education Update - Ryan Rehnstrand

- a. Team leads met in Shoreview to review the due process manual
- b. Rehnstrand will attend SPED Finance Bootcamp presented by the MDE on 1/16
- c. Over forty students are being added to Shoreview for next school year. Hiring needs are being reviewed.
- d. ESY will begin July 8th and will be held Monday through Thursday for four weeks. Sarah Hauer will be the coordinator again
- e. Washburn providers have begun working, one at Minnetonka and one at Shoreview. They will be on site Tuesdays, Wednesdays and half days on Fridays.
- f. Two students are being referred to the Lynx program and three students will be arriving there from our lottery for next school year.

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. Strategic planning meeting to be held on Saturday January 26th, LEO students are welcome to attend

4. Business

- a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff
 - i. NEO was in for their annual visit. LGA passed and are on track for another 5 year renewal in 2020.
 - ii. Western Psychological Services has asked for LGA to participate in an assessment. They have requested 20 participants, each of whom will receive a \$25 gift card. LGA will receive credit towards future assessments.

Motion: Move to approve Western Psychological Services to send letter and conduct research project.			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Nelsen	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Opportunity Partners reached out to Principal Boyack in regard to teaching students programming.
- iv. Student Achievement
 - 1. Orientation and PSEO information session is coming up.
 - 2. Meta Thomas, District Assessment Coordinator (DAC), presented on how she has tasked with working with teachers in regard to testing, helping to prepare students for success and has been focused on “changing the culture of testing”.
- v. Personnel
 - 1. Three candidates to be interviewed for Director of Operations & Finance
 - 2. Dr. Bjorkman is scheduled to return on February 20th. Acting as interim site director has been a great experience for Dr. Restorff.
 - 3. Principal Schwab will attend an MDE session entitled “Evaluating an Authorizer”.
- b. Foundation Update
 - i. Breakfast plans are moving along. All three campuses will be represented during the program. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities will be available.
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Bachman
 - 1. Policies were reviewed and will be ready for the February board meeting. The board assessment form was reviewed in preparation for the retreat.
 - ii. Finance – Ron Berger
 - 1. Committee Update
 - 2. Financials

Motion: Move to approve December financials as submitted.			
Made by: Sawyer		Seconded by: Cottington	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Building – Ron Berger
 - 1. Minnetonka updates – Principal Boyack – The Open House will be held on 1/24. Enrollment meetings are starting. Freshman and senior orientations as well as PSEO sessions to be held in February.
- iv. Executive Director Evaluation
 - 1. Evaluation being reviewed.

5. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Bell	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: *January 26, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m. Minnetonka Campus: 5605 Green Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343*

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