

LIONSGATE ACADEMY  
 District #4183  
**BOARD MEETING AND ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING MINUTES**  
*January 26, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.*  
 Minnetonka Campus: 5605 Green Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343

**PRESENT:** Ali Thorstad, Emy Bachman, Natalie Beazer, Rachel Bell, Laura Cottingham, Bradford Gran, Amy Kunkel, 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 **8:10 a.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**

Amendments – approve signing letter of intent for the lease on Shoreview and approve amendment to TCT contract

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Bell		<b>Seconded by:</b> Bachman	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

<b>Motion:</b> Move to suspend rules in order to allow participation by admin.			
<b>Made by:</b> Kunkel		<b>Seconded by:</b> Nelsen	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Agenda:**

1. **Strategic Planning** – Barbara Hoese
  - a. Welcome – participants introduced themselves, noted their connection to LGA and discussed the Mario Andretti quote, “If everything is under control, you’re not driving fast enough.”
  - b. Getting to Know You – participants discussed their natural gifts and how they use them to contribute
  - c. Connecting the Past & Future: LGA Timeline – a timeline was created including past, present and future LGA events and stories (see attached photos).
  - d. Strategic Plan & Balanced Scorecard: Review – The group discussed key accomplishments and successes in 2018
  - e. Strategic Plan & Balanced Scorecard: New Initiatives ([see photos for details](#))
    - i. Students & Families
    - ii. Financial Stewardship
    - iii. Internal Processes
    - iv. Learning & Development
  - f. Focusing on “Vital Few” – The group chose the top three most vital initiatives including:
    1. CTE – Pick program and start date

- a. LGA is now in the planning stage
- 2. Educate and communicate resources to families
  - a. Create buy in for parent/student participation
  - b. Examples of resources: post-secondary options, employment, housing
- 3. Outline long term plan for dissemination
  - a. Inspire and guide others to carry on the LGA way
  - b. Protect our intellectual property
  - c. Obtain strong distribution partners in the community
  - d. Pursue parallel track – push out LGA way and tweak our district
- 4. Music & Language
  - a. LGA has added a curriculum coordinator

**Discussion:**

Berger: We need to understand who key players are in both public and private sector

Thorstad: We cannot add to our admin’s already busy job duties

Hoese: A Director of Advancement could partner with staff, foundation, etc.

Cottingham: We could create community task groups for free assistance

All: Could we be utilizing our foundation better? Is it time for them to hire someone?

<b>Motion:</b> Move to reinstate rules.			
<b>Made by:</b> Nelsen		<b>Seconded by:</b> Kunkel	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

<b>Motion:</b> Move to revise the mission statement to end with “on the autism spectrum” instead of “with autism spectrum disorders”.			
<b>Made by:</b> Thorstad		<b>Seconded by:</b> Nelsen	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**2. Board Self-Assessment**

- a. Self-assessment was reviewed and responses discussed. Changes made accordingly.

**3. Approval of Signing Letter of Intent Related to Proposed Lynx expansion at Shoreview**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to authorize Dr. Restorff to sign Letter of Intent for new Lynx program.			
<b>Made by:</b> Sawyer		<b>Seconded by:</b> Bell	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**4. Approve Amendment to TCT Contract**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve addendum to the transportation contract with Twin Cities Transportation.			
<b>Made by:</b> Cottingham		<b>Seconded by:</b> Sawyer	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Motion to Adjourn:**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to adjourn at 3:35 p.m.			
<b>Made by:</b> Sawyer		<b>Seconded by:</b> Kunkel	
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Next Meeting:** *February 19, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. North Saint Paul Campus: 2342 Helen Street N., North St. Paul, MN 55109*

**Photos:** <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1C8MuKf99CQi3z-Vo9AbLDEiXYeRqK5N3?usp=sharing>

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