

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

North Saint Paul Campus: 2342 Helen Street North, North St. Paul, MN 55109

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

Call to order: Hannah Nelsen, Vice Chair **6:30 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 on the autism spectrum.

Comments from Community Members: None

Conflict of Interest Declaration: None declared

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Move to approve agenda with addition of approving lease amendment for new Lynx space.			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Kunkel	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Gran	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. Special Education Update - Ryan Rehnstrand

- a. Rehnstrand attended the East Metro Regional Director’s Forum along with representatives from other charter schools.
- b. Materials are being reviewed for use at the new Lynx location, including wall coverings and door handles.

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. A second meeting with Barbara Hoesel will be scheduled.

4. Business

- a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff
 - i. Student orientations and dances were rescheduled due to snow
 - ii. Dr. Restorff and Mr. Rehnstrand attended the Booth Law Conference
 - iii. Proposal for an altered 2018-19 school calendar due to snow and cold days
 - 1. An email was sent to the community addressing possible plans

Motion: To approve use of March 8 th and April 19 th as possible snow day make-up dates to be used at the discretion of the executive director.			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Beazer	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iv. Research presented to dispute MDE’s numbers suggesting that special education costs for charter schools are rising at a greater rate than the districts.
- v. Student Achievement
- vi. Personnel – Amy Christensen Bruce
 - 1. No terminations
 - 2. Minnetonka is looking for an SLP
 - 3. Intent to return forms have been sent out to all staff
- b. Foundation Update
 - i. The foundation has a new web site.
 - ii. View the trailer for the upcoming breakfast fundraiser [here](#).
 - iii. Pickin’ for Autism will be held on April 27th at the Amsterdam in St. Paul.
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Bachman – no report
 - ii. Finance – Ron Berger
 - 1. Committee Update
 - a. Reviewed two funding issues totaling \$285K.
 - b. Reviewed balance sheet
 - 2. Financials
 - a. Watershed payments received and planting plan presented. Cost of planting and maintenance will be covered.
 - b. CSP monitoring visit will be on February 27th.

Motion: Move to approve January financials as submitted.			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Kunkell	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Building – Ron Berger
 - 1. Plans are moving along. A solution was found for walls for new Lynx program.
 - 2. Lease amendment – lease now increases to cover all square footage. The lease on both spaces will end at the same time.

Motion: To authorize Dr. Restorff to sign lease amendment for Shoreview addition (new Lynx space).			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Cottington	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iv. Executive Director Evaluation
 - 1. Evaluation will be passed out and collected.

5. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.			
Made by: Kunkel		Seconded by: Gran	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: *March 19, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. Minnetonka Campus: 5605 Green Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343*

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