

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

TO: Emy Bachman, Natalie Beazer (absent), Rachel Bell, Laura Cottington, Bradford Gran, Amy Kunkel (absent), Hannah Nelsen, Steve Sawyer, Lori Fligge, Heather Reynolds, Christine Peper, and Ben Barnes
Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services; Aaron Leisen (absent), Director of Finance and Operations

FROM: Ali Thorstad (absent), Chair

Call to order: Rachel Bell, Secretary **6:32 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.			
Made by: Bachman		Seconded by: Nelsen	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to suspend rules in order to allow both board members that are stepping down and new board members to participate.			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Bachman	
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~~

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

2. Special Education Update - Ryan Rehnstrand

- a. ESY is in place. Shoreview ESY is at Minnetonka due to construction at Shoreview.

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- b. Collaboration occurring between Lynx and SHV principals to make sure there is a smooth transition with the addition of the Lynx program to the SHV building.
- c. Rehnstrand will attend the west metro retreat to network and build support with west metro sped directors

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. ~~Transitions assessment (3 of 3) (update from Sara Bydzovsky is tabled until August meeting)~~

4. Business

- a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff
 - i. Principal/Site Director Update – Jessica Bjorkman
 - 1. Gave update on project based learning and thematic teaching for Lynx.
 - 2. AIM will have longer class periods to do more hands on and community learning.
 - ii. Student Achievement
 - 1. SHV will be cell phone free using YONDR. Cell phones will be placed in a locked pouch that students can be in possession of during the school day. Staff will have to unlock the pouch using a magnet in order for students to use their device. This is an experimental/pilot to see if effective.
 - 2. Will need to renew with NEO this year, goals have been modified to make it more achievable.
 - iii. Personnel
 - 1. HR director states that we are having a difficult time competing with larger districts that can pay staff more. We need everyone to reach out to people they know.
 - 2. Workman’s comp has dropped us due to claims preceding our premiums; however we have another company that we are starting to work with.
 - 3. Staff sick and personal days are changing for next school year to 5 sick days and 5 personal days. This will allow staff to have more personal days in hopes to reduce the number of people calling in sick last minute.
 - 4. Student family handbook draft was passed out with record of what was changed. Would like board members to read and discuss at next meeting.
 - 5. Working on a federal grant for restorative justice.
- b. Foundation Update – Dr. Restorff
 - i. The Foundation will be meeting in August
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Bachman
 - 1. Board election results and members rotating off
 - a. Board members rotating on: Ben Barnes (teacher member), Christine Peper (community member), Lori Fligge (parent member), and Heather Reynolds (parent member)
 - b. Thank you to the board members rotating off: Hannah Nelson (teacher member), Amy Kunkel (community member), Natalie Beazer (parent member), and Ali Thorstad (parent member)
 - 2. Discuss 2019-20 board meeting dates and locations

Motion: Move to approve the 2019-20 board meeting dates and locations.			
Made by: Cottingham		Seconded by: Sawyer	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen (Presented by Director Sawyer)
 - 1. Committee Update
 - a. Shared report for members to review
 - b. Rehnstrand met with Paul Ferrin from MDE - No issues
 - 2. Financials
 - 3. FY 2020 Budget

4. Update on FY 2019 Final Revised Budget

Motion: Move to approve the May and June financials as submitted.			
Made by: Nelsen		Seconded by: Bachman	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

iii. Building – Ryan Rehnstrand

1. Ryland construction is creating new entryway free of charge at the SHV site. Will find out this week if that will put us behind Aug 1st move in deadline.
2. MTKA has fresh coat of paint.

iv. Executive Director Evaluation

Motion: Move to go into close session at 7:41 p.m. pursuant of Minnesota State Statute 13D.01Sub 3 to conduct the Executive Director Evaluation.			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Nelsen	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to re-open the meeting at 8:41 p.m.			
Made by: Sawyer		Seconded by: Cottington	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

5. **Board Recognition of Retiring Board Members**

- a. Dr. Restorff thanked Directors Nelsen, Kunkel, Beazer, and Thorstad for their time serving this term.

6. **Seating of Newly Elected Board Members**

- a. Dr. Restorff welcomed new Board Members Director Barnes, Peper, Fligge, and Reynolds
- b. Due to the tie between the two parent board members, a coin toss was done to decide who would fill the two year term and who would fill the three year term. Director Reynolds will serve the two year term and Director Fligge will serve the three year term.

7. **Election of Officers**

- a. Chair: Director Bachman; Vice Chair: Director Peper; Secretary: Director Bell; Treasurer: Director Sawyer
- b. Executive Director Committee: Cottington; Barnes; Peper
- c. Governance Committee: Gran (Committee Chair); Bachman; Fligge
- d. Finance Committee: Sawyer; Bell; Reynolds

8. **Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting agenda**

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.			
Made by: Sawyer		Seconded by: Cottington	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: August 20, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. Shoreview Campus: 599 Cardigan Road, Shoreview, MN 55126

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