

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
May 19, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Google Meet

PRESENT: Christine Peper, Ben Barnes, Rachel Bell, Lori Fligge, Bradford Gran, Sal Lopiano, Emy Bachman, Heather Reynolds, and Steve Sawyer
 Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services; Aaron Leisen, Director of Finance and Operations

Call to order: Christine Peper, Vice Chair @ 6:31pm

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: NEO representative announced that she was present and observing the meeting tonight.

Conflict of Interest Declaration: None declared.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. Approval of Policies
 - i. Policy 510 Professional Development
 - ii. Policy 617 Tobacco/Electronic Cigarette Free Environment
 - iii. Policy 705 Immunization Requirements

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

2. Special Education Update - Ryan Rehnstrand

- a. Lynx Program – 26 students currently – Due to fast growth and nearing capacity, LGA will be closing enrollment to new students.
- b. ESY Update – ESY will be distance learning due to:
 - i. Safety
 - ii. Time
 - iii. Cost
 - iv. Availability
 - v. Planning

3. Business

- a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff
 - i. Principal/Site Director Update
 - 1. Graduation – May 27th at 7:00pm – Minnetonka parking lot
 - a. Drive in format – everyone stays in their cars unless speaking
 - b. One car per household – immediate family and school board members only
 - c. FM radio broadcast
 - d. Possibly LIVE streaming for others to view
 - e. Will be following MDE guidance
 - ii. Updated 2019-20 academic calendar to show the Governor mandated planning days (No student days) of May 1st and May 4th

Motion: Move to approve updated 2019-20 academic calendar.			
Made by: Reynolds		Seconded by: Bachman	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Student Achievement
 - 1. Grading policy for 4th quarter distance learning
 - a. MDE provided districts with grading guidance
 - b. “Hold students harmless” rather than “accountable”
 - c. LGA is following Anoka-Hennepin’s grading policy
 - d. Middle School grading
 - i. Participation – receive A-F grades
 - ii. Report card – marks will be Pass “P” or No grade “NG”
 - iii. Middle schoolers taking high school classes will be graded according to the high school reporting procedures
 - e. High School grading
 - i. Participation – receive A-F grades
 - ii. Report card – marks will be “A”, “B”, “P” or “NG”
 - iii. Only “A” or “B” will be included in a student’s cumulative GPA
 - f. No students shall repeat a grade due to distance learning
 - g. Transcripts will be noted with classes that were taken during distance learning
- iv. Strategic Planning Update
 - 1. Assessment Tracking
 - a. New tracking document was created to follow student’s growth in various areas throughout their LGA career
 - 2. Family Satisfaction Survey Results
 - a. Overall survey results show that families are satisfied with Lionsgate
- v. Planning for Fall Opening
 - 1. Many things need to happen for fall opening and LGA is working on getting ahead with the planning now
 - a. Cleaning
 - b. Screening
 - c. Food service
 - d. Vans
- vi. Personnel
 - 1. Gael Braddock is the new Director of Human Resources – will overlap with Amy Christensen-Bruce until July 1st
 - 2. EA hiring on hold until clearer picture of opening in the fall
- b. Foundation Update
 - i. Virtual Breakfast fundraiser – May 29th at 8am on Lionsgate Academy’s YouTube channel

- ii. "Breakfast" Trailer shown
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Gran
 - 1. School Board Election May 19th – May 22nd
 - a. 4 Teacher Candidates
 - b. 1 Parent Candidate
 - c. 1 Community Member Candidate
 - ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen
 - 1. Financials
 - a. ADM Current: 295.24, Budgeted ADM: 297.00
 - b. Revenue - \$14,485,486; Budgeted \$14,463,479; Favorable variance \$22,006
 - c. Expenses - \$13,985,538; Budgeted \$13,993,490; Favorable variance \$7,952
 - i. Benefits higher than expected due to high worker's compensation insurance and higher than expected enrollment in health plans
 - d. CSP reimbursement request submitted – will submit another soon
 - e. Revised FY21 budget
 - i. adding 44 students (341 total in district)
 - ii. adjustment made to staffing to meet needs of students

Motion: Move to approve the April financials as submitted.			
Made by: Fligge		Seconded by: Sawyer	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to approve Revised FY21 Budget			
Made by: Reynolds		Seconded by: Gran	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Executive Director Evaluation
 - 1. Closed meeting

Motion: Move to close the meeting @ 7:59pm pursuant of Minnesota State Statue 13D.01 Sub 3 to conduct the Executive Director Evaluation.			
Made by: Fligge		Seconded by: Reynolds	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to reopen the meeting @ 9:58pm			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Barnes	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

4. Review: Next Month's Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn @ 10:04pm			
Made by: Bachman		Seconded by: Barnes	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: *June 16, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. North Saint Paul Campus: 2342 Helen Street North, North St. Paul, MN 55109*

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