

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Emy Bachman, Ben Barnes, Rachel Bell, Amiri Brotherson, Molly Figenskau, Lori Fligge, Christine Peper, and Heather Reynolds
 Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services; Aaron Leisen, Director of Finance and Operations; Gael Braddock, Director of Human Resources

Call to order: Emy Bachman, Chair @ 6:34pm

School Mission Statement

The Mission of Lionsgate Academy is to foster self-determination by providing a transition-focused, personalized education for all, specializing in educating learners on the autism spectrum.

Comments from Community Members: None.

Conflict of Interest Declaration: None declared.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Move to add a discussion about creating an additional ad-hoc committee. Discussion to be held during the On-boarding Committee update portion of the agenda			
Made by: Reynolds		Seconded by: Barnes	
Discussion: None			
Vote: 0	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to approve agenda with the addition of the ad-hoc committee discussion			
Made by: Reynolds		Seconded by: Brotherson	
Discussion: None			
Vote: 0	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 401 Acceptance of Gifts
 - ii. Policy 509 Family Medical Leave
 - iii. Policy 601 Closing of School
 - iv. Policy 803 Removal of a Student with an IEP

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

2. Special Education Update - Ryan Rehnstrand

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- a. ESY 2021 – July 6th- July 30th (M-Th) - 8am - 12pm
- b. Special Education Enrichment – 12pm – 2pm

3. Business

- a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff
 - i. Principal/Site Director Update - Jessica Bjorkmann (Site Director AIM/Lynx)
 - 1. AIM Open House – Thursday, Feb 18th, 6-7:30 virtually
 - a. 25-30 families have RSVP’d
 - 2. New deadline for AIM enrollment – April 30th
 - 3. AIM waitlist - 3
 - ii. Student Achievement
 - 1. Learning model update
 - a. Shift to Hybrid beginning April 5th (1st day of 4th quarter)
 - b. 2 groups alternating between distance and in-person learning every other week
 - 2. Winter MAP testing – administered remotely
 - 3. ACT – optional for 11th/12th grades – scheduled for Mar 2-4 in both Mtka and SHV
 - 4. ACCESS – for ELL students in all grades – scheduling in progress
 - 5. MCA/MTAS – just received notification of in-person testing only. Currently scheduled for April, changes to plan may be needed.
 - 6. Spring MAP Re-testing – TBD
 - iii. Strategic Planning Update
 - 1. Updated Vision Statement - *Our vision is to create an inclusive, innovative academic community where students may safely experience the transition to young adulthood. Here we are all partners in learning; empowering students to become confident, flexible, and self-disciplined. Students are challenged to grow through a balance of academic, social, and emotional experiences so they are adequately prepared to become active citizens in their local and global communities with the highest quality of life possible. A transition focus is infused throughout the school’s programming and activities.*

Motion: Move to approve the updated Vision Statement			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Figenskau	
Discussion: None			
Vote: 0	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- 2. Initiatives for 2021-2022:
 - a. Develop a progressive technology-infused IT infrastructure for the 21st century learner
 - b. Ensure an equitable, inclusive, and diverse school culture
 - c. Implement a mentor/buddy program focusing on social emotional management
 - d. Research and report options for future CTE programs at SHV (carried over from 2020-2021)
- iv. Personnel
 - 1. Open Positions:
 - a. AIM – Job Coach (3 for in-person), Teacher/Case Manager
 - b. Lynx – Mental Health Behavior Aides (3 for in-person)
 - c. Shoreview – Special Education Assistants (4 for in-person)
 - d. Minnetonka – Special Education Assistants (1.5 FTE for in-person)
- b. Foundation Update
 - i. LGA to submit estimate to LGF Board for funding for 2021 special education/licensure applicants as part of ongoing program started in 2020
 - 1. 10 teachers applied this year
 - 2. Board will review request and vote on during next board meeting on April 13, 2021

- ii. LGA to provide funding request for staff support (250 staff up to \$5 per person) for recognition to be given out periodically throughout year as a thank you for their efforts
 - iii. LGA to share sponsor/advertiser list for LGF members to call on for 2021 virtual fundraiser
 - iv. Kathy Carlson agreed to volunteer as Vice Chair for LGF for the 2021 year and her nomination was voted on and accepted by the Board
- c. Committee Reports
- i. Governance – Director Fligge
 - 1. Board election this May – recruiting for 1 teacher member, 1 community member, and 1 parent member

Motion: Move to appoint director Heather Reynolds to complete the open seat of director Lopiano – term through 2023. Director Reynold’s seat will then be up for election this spring.			
Made by: Fligge		Seconded by: Barnes	
Discussion: None			
Vote: 0	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 1

- ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen
 - 1. Committee Update – reviewed January 2021 finances
 - 2. Financials
 - a. ADM – Actual Current: 335.88; Budgeted: 336
 - b. Revenue – Total \$10,998,691; unfavorable variance of \$(94,976) – mostly due to timing of entitlements from MDE
 - c. Expenses – Total \$11,591,775; unfavorable variance of \$(1,272,731) – mostly due to PPP loan repayment and timing of payments to TCT for transportation
 - 3. Budgets
 - a. Revised FY2021 compared to FY2020 - Total Fund 1 Revenues: \$20,986,291; Total Fund 1 Expenditures: \$20,936,146
 - i. 14% increase in ADM
 - ii. Total cost increase 13% (includes payroll, benefits, other)
 - b. Original FY2022 – Total Fund 1 Revenues: \$23,739,915; Total Fund 1 Expenditures: \$23,699,574
 - i. ADM: 381 (13% increase)
 - ii. 3% increase for cost in materials (assumed inflationary increase)
 - iii. 10% increase in benefits and taxes (allowable increase/year)
 - iv. 4.3% Fund Balance to General Fund Expenses
 - v. -0.2% year-to-year change in ADM expense
 - vi. Transportation: % increase in # of students

Motion: Move to approve January 2021 financials			
Made by: Brotherson		Seconded by: Reynolds	
Discussion: None			
Vote: 0	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to approve FY21 revised and FY22 original budgets			
Made by: Brotherson		Seconded by: Barnes	
Discussion: None			
Vote: 0	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Executive Director Evaluation
 - 1. Survey questions approved
 - 2. Survey will go out the first week of March
 - 3. Surveys will be collected for about 2 weeks
- iv. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Update
 - 1. Vice Chair Peper and Chair Bachman will meet with Richard Webb tomorrow to plan for the next DEI training session and will send the agenda to the board members by the end of the week
- v. Ad Hoc On-boarding Committee Update – meeting Thursday to finalize recommendations for the training session next week
 - 1. Need to add one additional ad-hoc committee to address vision and mission for the board and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion communications

Motion: Move to approve an ad-hoc committee for board vision and mission and DEI communications			
Made by: Barnes		Seconded by: Reynolds	
Discussion: None			
Vote: 0	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn @ 7:48pm			
Made by: Barnes		Seconded by: Reynolds	
Discussion: None			
Vote: 0	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: *March 16, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting*