

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
March 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; Rachel Boyack, Minnetonka Principal

Call to order: Emy Bachman, Chair @ 6:31pm

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

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| Motion: Move to the addition of closing the board meeting at the end of the current agenda | | | |
| Made by: Peper | | Seconded by: Barnes | |
| Discussion: None | | | |
| Vote: 0 | Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

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| Motion: Move to approve agenda with the addition of a closed board meeting at the end of the agenda | | | |
| Made by: Reynolds | | Seconded by: Peper | |
| Discussion: None | | | |
| Vote: 0 | Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. Approval of Policies
 - i. Policy 913 Interview of Students by Outside Agencies
 - ii. Policy 211 Communication of Outside Interests
 - iii. Policy 403 Annual Audit
 - iv. Policy 924 Use of Social Media In School

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| Motion: Move to approve consent agenda. | | | |
| Made by: Reynolds | | Seconded by: Peper | |
| Discussion: None | | | |
| Vote: 0 | Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

2. Special Education Update - Ryan Rehnstrand

- a. Staff and students have good energy and excitement to return to school
- b. Legislative – upcoming bills
 - i. SF728 - if passed the bill will allow social workers to receive third party reimbursement – this will help increase revenue
 - ii. HF4 – if passed the bill will take actions to combat the educational effects of the pandemic implemented and money appropriated – 21 year old students would be allowed to stay one more year in a transition program
 - iii. HF 965 – Focuses on educational recovery services for special education students. It goes further than some of the education recovery proposals in the Governor’s budget and only deals with special education students. One of the real challenges with this bill is the maintenance of effort. This will need to be sorted through as the proposals move forward. MASE is not in support of this bill in its current form.

3. Business

- a. Director’s Report – ~~Dr. Restorff~~ Principal Boyack
 - i. Principal/Site Director Update – Principal Boyack
 1. Hybrid planning underway
 2. Enrollment for next year – Minnetonka’s 1st meetings are complete
 3. Minnetonka and Shoreview successfully held virtual plays
 4. AIM Open House huge success
 - a. Great turn out for potential students and LGA high school case managers – 38 families attended
 - b. Received a lot of positive feedback from attendees
 - ii. Student Achievement
 1. Teacher Highlight
 - a. Mr. Carl Anderson
 - i. Special Education/ELA teacher at the Minnetonka campus
 - ii. 4 years teaching at Lionsgate
 - iii. 16 years of total teaching experience
 2. Math Achievement
 - a. Student achievement measured winter to winter
 - b. Student in grades 7 and 8 and all new students testing in fall
 - c. Summary of math testing –
 - i. Only slightly less of a percentage of students who are below grade level met their individual growth goal
 - ii. Students on grade level met their goal or maintained grade level or above performance
 3. MCA spring testing
 - a. All tests must be onsite – month of April
 - b. Testing window is extended
 - c. New code to account for health/COVID related refusal/opt out
 4. MTAS testing already started
 - iii. Strategic Planning Update – Gael Braddock
 1. Initiative Update – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion/Recruitment
 - a. Updated employment page on the Lionsgate website
 - b. Beginning research on scholarship programs specifically targeted to future BIPOC educators
 - c. Beginning conversations with Diversity Committee to gather feedback on hiring/retention from various employee groups
 - d. Diversity in Education Job Fair – April 14th – virtual
 - i. Nationwide
 - ii. Access to diversity in Ed Job Board
 - iv. Personnel Update – Gael Braddock

Lionsgate Academy’s Authorizer is:

1. Open positions
 - a. 2020-21
 - i. Shoreview
 1. Special Education Assistant (3)
 2. Spanish Teacher (.5 shared with Minnetonka)
 - ii. Minnetonka
 1. Math Inclusion Teacher (1)
 2. Special Education Assistant (1)
 3. Spanish Teacher (.5 shared with Shoreview)
 - iii. AIM
 1. Joab Coach (1)
 - iv. Lynx
 1. Mental Health Behavior Aide (2)
 - b. 2021-22
 - i. Shoreview
 1. Special Education Assistant (22)
 2. Social Worker (1)
 3. Special Education Case Manager (3)
 4. General Education Math Teacher (1)
 5. General Education Science Teacher (1)
 - ii. Minnetonka
 1. Special Education Assistant (6)
 2. Special Education Assistant Substitute (1)
 - iii. AIM
 1. Teacher/Case Manager (1-2, depending on enrollment)
 2. Job Coach (2)
 - iv. Lynx
 1. Teacher/Case Manager (1-2, depending on enrollment)
 2. Mental Health Behavior Aide (6)
- b. Foundation Update
 - i. The Foundation is in need of an LGA Board Member to join
 - ii. Meetings are currently one time every two month, but will more than likely raise to once a month
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Fligge
 1. Updated 2020-21 Academic Calendar

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| Motion: Move to approve the updated 2020-21 academic calendar to show March 25-26 staff planning days, no student days | | | |
| Made by: Bell | | Seconded by: Fligge | |
| Discussion: None | | | |
| Vote: 0 | Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

- ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen
 1. Committee Update – reviewed February finances
 2. Financials
 - a. Actual ADM: 334.91; Budgeted ADM: 336.00
 - b. Total Revenues: \$12,732,417 compared to budget of \$12,669,835; total favorable variance or \$62,581
 - c. Total Expenses: \$13,575,574 compared to budget of \$12,062,014; total unfavorable variance of \$(1,513,579). This is mostly due to the pay back of the PPP loan and timing of transportation payments
 - d. Cash Flow Projection reflects the FY21 revised budget approved in December 2020. Adjusted to reflect timing of payments from MDE

- e. MDE took some dollars back this year due to overpayment last year. This included nearly \$500,000 of donations that will be returned through future entitlement payments.

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| Motion: Move to approve February 2021 financials | | | |
| Made by: Brotherson | | Seconded by: Barnes | |
| Discussion: None | | | |
| Vote: 0 | Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

- iii. Executive Director Evaluation
 - 1. Surveys have been collected from families, staff, board, admin team, executive director self-evaluation
 - a. Survey response rate is lower than in the past
 - 2. In process of going through the surveys to support evaluation
 - 3. Final recommendations for the ED Evaluation will be finalized during the May board meeting during a closed portion of the meeting
- iv. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Update – Peper/Bachman
 - 1. Next training next week
- v. Ad Hoc On-boarding Committee Update
 - 1. The committee will present their final suggestions for on-boarding new board members at the April board training
 - 2. Committee plans to be finished with their work by May and ready for on-boarding new board members by June
- vi. Ad Hoc Board Diversity Communication Committee Update
 - 1. Researching for examples of board specific mission, vision, and DEI statements
 - 2. MACS reports that they are not aware of any other charter school that has board specific mission and vision statements – this will be discussed at the next committee meeting

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| Motion: Move to close the board meeting @ 7:36pm | | | |
| Made by: Barnes | | Seconded by: Reynolds | |
| Discussion: None | | | |
| Vote: 0 | Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

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| Motion: Move to open the board meeting @ 8:12pm | | | |
| Made by: Bell | | Seconded by: Barnes | |
| Discussion: None | | | |
| Vote: 0 | Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

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| Motion: Move to adjourn @ 8:13pm | | | |
| Made by: Reynolds | | Seconded by: Barnes | |
| Discussion: None | | | |
| Vote: 0 | Yea: 6 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 0 |

Next Meeting: April 20, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. *Virtual Meeting*