

LIONSGATE ACADEMY  
 District #4183  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
*January 7th, 2022 @ 9:00 AM*  
*Shoreview Campus, 599 Cardigan Road, Shoreview, MN 5516*  
*and Virtual Meeting Option*

**TO:** Pauline Bangma, Andrew Birnstengel, Amiri Brotherson, Molly Figenskau, Janet Ha, Jeff Nickolas, Jason Pusey, and Rachel Osband  
 Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services; Aaron Leisen, Director of Finance and Operations, Julie Moeckly, Director of Human Resources

**FROM:** Ann Wiesner

**Call to order:** Ann Wiesner @ 9:17am

**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*

**Lionsgate Academy Board Land Use Acknowledgement Statement:**

*The School Board of Lionsgate Academy strives to foster a school community of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We acknowledge that our schools and community rests on stolen land of the tribes of the Dakota and Ojibwe in Minnesota. The School Board works to support the Lionsgate Academy community that addresses the needs of underserved students diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum. We work to support students of all backgrounds who wish to attend Lionsgate Academy. As the School Board, we commit to advancing equity and incorporating diversity and inclusion into every undertaking.*

**Comments from Community Members:** Public Comment is an open forum portion of the meeting and is an opportunity to present an issue, concern, or other statement to the Board of Directors. Individuals wishing to address the Board must sign up prior to the Call to Order and will be allotted three (3) minutes. Total public comment will be limited to twenty-one (21) minutes.

None.

**Conflict of Interest Declaration**

None.

**Approval of the Agenda**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve agenda			
<b>Made by:</b> Osband		<b>Seconded by:</b> Nickolas	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Model:**

**1. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. Approval of Policies

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve consent agenda			
<b>Made by:</b> Birnstengel		<b>Seconded by:</b> Osband	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

## 2. Committee Reports

- a. Governance – Director Ha
  - i. Ha asked the board to review the Pledge of Alliance policy revisions suggested by the governance committee and will bring to the board for approval at the February board meeting
- b. Finance – Aaron Leisen
  - i. Committee Update - none
  - ii. Financials – December financials will be reviewed at the February Board Meeting
- c. Executive Director Evaluation Committee Update - none
- d. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee Update - none
- e. Ad Hoc Board Diversity Communication Committee Update - none
  - i. Representation and Engagement
- f. Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee Update – Brotherson/Moeckly
  - i. Reminder to board members to submit availability to participate in the executive director interviews
  - ii. Still searching for candidates
  - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> round interviews scheduled to begin the week of January 23rd

## 3. Authorizer Report - none

## 4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting Agenda

### Motion to Suspend Robert’s Rules:

<b>Motion:</b> Move to suspend Robert’s Rules and continue with the board annual training and strategic planning session in collaboration with the Admin Team			
<b>Made by:</b> Ha		<b>Seconded by:</b> Birnstengel	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

## 5. Annual Board Training/Strategic Planning

- a. Charter School Finance Training – Aaron Leisen
- b. Strategic Planning – Kathy Carlson
  - i. Review of Mission Statement
    1. Revised Mission Statement – *The Mission of Lionsgate Academy is to foster self-determination by providing a transition-focused, personalized education for all, specializing in educating autistic learners.*
  - ii. Review of Vision Statement – no changes
  - iii. Review Balanced Scorecard
    1. Status of 2022-2023 Strategic Initiatives and Performance Measures
  - iv. Breakout Session - “Dreams for the Future of Lionsgate Academy”
    1. Some common ideas for the future include:
      - a. Providing an onsite daycare for employee’s children
      - b. Facilitating extra-curricular/organization groups outside of school

#### Lionsgate Academy’s Authorizer is:

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- c. Family partnerships
  - i. More family resources
  - ii. More robust parent engagement
- d. Rethinking the AIM and Lynx programs
  - i. Satellite campuses, centralized campus, west metro campus
- e. Adding an animal care program/animal therapy
- f. Online version of LGA – expansion beyond Minnesota
- g. Better options for transportation
- h. Respite care for LGA families
- v. Determining Initiatives for 2022-2023
  - 1. Completed Initiatives
    - a. Health and Safety Procedures
    - b. Hire New Executive Director – hiring will be completed by end of this school year
  - 2. Continuing Initiatives
    - a. Broaden Literacy Goals/Skills
    - b. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
    - c. Manage Transition to New Executive Director
  - 3. New Initiatives
    - a. Address conceptualization of how AIM/Lynx programs can be different
      - i. Admin Team will work on Performance Measures

**Motion to Reinstate Robert’s Rules:**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to reinstate Robert’s Rules			
<b>Made by:</b> Osband		<b>Seconded by:</b> Figenskau	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Motion to Adjourn:**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to adjourn @ 2:55pm			
<b>Made by:</b> Birnstengel		<b>Seconded by:</b> Ha	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Next Meeting:** *February 21<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30PM at the Minnetonka Campus: 5605 Green Circle Dr, MN 55343 and Virtual Meeting Option*