

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*April 18th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Minnetonka Campus, 5605 Green Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343
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

FROM: Ann Wiesner

Call to order: Ann Wiesner @ 6:38pm

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 autistic learners.

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

Motion: Move to approve agenda with Executive Director Search Committee update in the committee reports			
Made by: Osband		Seconded by: Figenskau	
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
 - i. 609 Prohibition of Harassment and Violence
2. **Special Education Update** – Ryan Rehnstrand

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

- a. ESY Update
 - i. Confident that LGA will have enough staff and ready for ESY
- b. I Love You Guys Training
 - i. Non-violent situation
 - ii. Active Violent situation
- c. Law Conference this Friday – opportunity to get caught up on legislative changes
- d. Hosting RDC May 5th (Regional Special Ed Director)
- e. Lynx Update – Site Director has resigned and LGA will begin hiring process
- f. E-Sig – Parents will have option for E-signature for special education forms
- g. AIM Update – long term planning for higher need students that will be coming in to the program in the next few years

3. Business

- a. Discussion of letters regarding wages
- b. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff
 - i. Updated Calendar – Feb 22/23 E-learning Days, March 3rd – NOT make-up day AIM

Motion: Move to approve updated academic calendar			
Made by: Birnstengel		Seconded by: Nickolas	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- ii. Noteworthy
 - 1. Scott Steindorff – working on a documentary called “Understanding Autism” filmed at Lionsgate Minnetonka campus on Friday, April 14th, 2023
 - 2. Autism Summit – maybe at SHV location this summer
 - 3. Washington, D.C. Trip – great trip
 - 4. Invitation to join (ADDM) Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring as a data collection site in partnership with the University of MN
 - a. Collects data on 16 year olds
 - b. Review of IEP and evaluations for selected students
 - i. Can collect information through SpedForms in the summer to be less distracting to students
 - c. Allowed through FERPA
 - d. Benefits
 - i. Free ADOS training and other professional development offered in exchange for participation
 - ii. Secure and data protected – data in aggregate form only (no identifying information)
 - iii. Data can be used as an advocacy tool
- iii. Principal/Site Director Update – Rachel Boyack

Motion: Move to approve LGA to be a data collection site for ADDM			
Made by: Ha		Seconded by: Osband	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

1. MTKA play was a success
2. Prom April 22nd – MTKA and SHV 9-12 grade at SHV campus
3. MTKA water damage final repairs completed over spring break (kitchen)
4. New sound system, projector and screen in the lunchroom at MTKA
5. Senior class trip to the Mall of America when the rest of the school is MCA testing
- iv. Student Achievement – Meta Thomas
 1. Today was first day of MCA testing
 2. Presentation of winter 2023 NWEA MAP results for reading
- v. Strategic Planning Update
 1. New executive director Dr. Hala Asamarai starts on April 24th – proposed schedule
- vi. Personnel – Julie Moeckly (by Dr. Restorff)
 1. Finalizing wage increases for staff
 2. Preparing written communication regarding increases
 3. Working to enhance company page on INDEED website
 4. Human Resources strategic planning on April 20th
- c. Foundation Update
 - i. Register for the Foundation Breakfast – May 12th
 1. Venmo account set up for donations – will be used for Pickin’ for Autism too
 2. Introduction to Dr. Hala Asamarai
 3. Recruiting opportunity for school board members at the Breakfast
 - ii. Foundation Board is meeting monthly
 - iii. Refining Processes and Procedures
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Ha
 1. Next meeting May 1st
 - ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen
 1. Committee Update – met today to review March 2023 financials
 2. Financials (as of March 31, 2023)
 - a. ADM - Actual Current: 388.21; Budgeted: 410.0
 - b. Revenues – Total revenues were \$18,496,922 compared to a year-to-date cash budget of \$18,852,809 for a total unfavorable variance of \$(355,877)
 - c. Expenditures – Total expenditures were \$17,666,162 compared to a year-to-date cash-basis budget of \$18,088,734 for a total favorable variance of \$422,572
 3. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
 - a. General Fund 01
 - i. Total Revenue: \$29,525,168
 - ii. Total Expenditures: \$29,462,413
 - b. General Fund 02
 - i. Total Revenue: \$310,130
 - ii. Total Expenditures: \$310,130

Lionsgate Academy’s Authorizer is:

Novation Education Opportunities, 3432 Denmark Avenue Suite 103, Eagan, Minnesota 55123 Phone 612-889-2103 Fax 612-870-1200 email executive.director.neo@gmail.com <http://www.neoauthorizer.org>

Motion: Move to approve March 2023 Budget Financials			
Made by: Brotherson		Seconded by: Figenskau	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- i. Executive Director Search Committee Update – Director Brotherson
 - a. Budget of \$15,000, spent about \$8,000
 - b. Dr. Hala Asamarai is hired and work of Ad Hoc committee is completed

Motion: Move to approve to dissolve the Executive Director Search Committee			
Made by: Figenskau		Seconded by: Pusey	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- ii. Executive Director Evaluation Committee Update – Director Birnstengel
 - a. Need to schedule our next meeting
 - i. Consider filling new executive director in on expectations of the board beyond what exists on the strategic plan
 - ii. 2023 Executive Director Onboarding Plan – Board related goals for the first 50 days
- iii. Authorizer Report – Jean Neuman
 - a. Positive site visit

4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting Agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn @ 8:11pm			
Made by: Osband		Seconded by: Birnstengel	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: *May 16th, 2022 @ 6:30PM at the Shoreview Campus: 599 Cardigan Road, Shoreview, MN 55126 and Virtual Meeting Option*