

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 18th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Minnetonka Campus: 5605 Green Circle Drive, Minnetonka 55343 and Virtual Meeting Option

TO: Pauline Bangma, ~~Andrew Birstengel~~, Kim Busse, Stephanie Claybrook, Janet Ha, Jeff Nickolas, Rachel Osband, and Julie Tarshish
Others: Dr. Hala Asamarai, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services; Aaron Leisen, Director of Finance and Operations, Julie Moeckly, Director of Human Resources; Rachel Boyack, Minnetonka Principal

FROM: Ann Wiesner

Call to order: Ann Wiesner @ 6:30pm

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 the omission of the finance report			
Made by: Bangma		Seconded by: Nickolas	
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

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 consent agenda			
Made by: Ha		Seconded by: Claybrook	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. Special Education Update – Ryan Rehnstrand

- a. Shoreview Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) – thinking outside the box with the 3 remaining SLPs
- b. Shoreview School Psychologist – determining what we can do within, and using contracted services to help with remaining need.
- c. Extended School Year (ESY)
 - i. Going well
 - ii. Transportation is working great
 - iii. Continue to keep ESY at each location for years to come
- d. Read 180 - 2022-23 recap will be shared in August

3. Business

- a. Director’s Report – Dr. Asamarai
 - i. Principal/Site Director Update – Rachel Boyack, Minnetonka Principal
 1. Principals/site directors working with executive director and director of student services to ensure new statutes on student safety and discipline are being implemented
 2. Hiring at Minnetonka is going well
 3. ESY is going well – staff are doing great
 4. Garden is flourishing
 5. Yearbook signing event at Minnetonka today – 10-15 students with parents attended
 - ii. Student Achievement
 1. Progress of IEP goals in math and reading for the 22-23 school year
 2. Review of progress of IEP goals in math and reading on the performance framework over the past 4 years
 - iii. Strategic Planning Update
 1. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging & Restorative Practices (DEIB & RP) Position – had final interview for the position and getting ready to make offer
 2. Contract with Dr. Restorff for continued support
 3. Transition options for Lynx students
 - a. Currently addressing on a case by case basis
 - b. Planning to have the transition options for Lynx students more defined for 2024-25 school year
 4. Updates to the 2023-24 student/family handbook
 5. Updates to the 2023-24 employee handbook – presented by Julie Moeckly

Motion: Move to approve the updated 2023-24 student/family handbook			
Made by: Bangma		Seconded by: Nickolas	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to approve the 2023-24 employee handbook			
Made by: Nickolas		Seconded by: Busse	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iv. Personnel – Julie Moeckly
 - 1. Job openings changing daily – hiring new and some staff moving on
 - 2. First phase of our conversion to accrued PTO is complete. The set-up for year-round staff in Paycom has been completed
 - 3. Second phase of the conversion will address employees working duty day calendar. The duty days are 177, 187, 197, 207
 - 4. Employee handbook updated as previously presented. Additional updates may be necessary in January based on state statute changes
- b. Foundation Update
 - i. Executive committee meeting was held on July 10th
 - ii. Foundation board meeting was held on July 12th
 - 1. Reviewed staff proposals and procedures for proposals
 - 2. Discussed member recruitment and fundraising opportunities
 - 3. Looked at revenues and expenditures
 - 4. Process for tax exemption is nearly complete
 - 5. Christine Peper will be the new treasurer for the Foundation board
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Committee Assignments for 2023-2024
 - 1. Finance Committee – Jeffrey Nickolas, Janet Ha, Pauline Bangma
 - 2. Governance Committee – Rachel Osband, Stephanie Claybrook, Julie Tarshish
 - 3. Executive Director Evaluation – Ann Wiesner, Kim Busse
 - 4. Slate of Officers
 - a. Chair – Ann Wiesner
 - b. Vice Chair – Pauline Bangma
 - c. Treasurer – Jeffrey Nickolas
 - d. Secretary – Janet Ha

Motion: Move to approve the slate of officers as presented			
Made by: Busse		Seconded by: Tarshish	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- ii. Governance – Director Ha
 - 1. Governance committee met July 5th
 - 2. Governance committee will meet in August and assign policies to new committee members to review
 - 3. 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule
 - a. Change November meeting to the 14th instead of the 21st
 - b. Combine the January meeting with the Strategic Planning Session – date of the combined meeting will be determined later

Motion: Move to approve the board meeting schedule with the changes as noted			
Made by: Ha		Seconded by: Claybrook	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

iii. Finance – Aaron Leisen – None

iv. Authorizer Report - None

4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting Agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn @ 7:25pm			
Made by: Bangma		Seconded by: Ha	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: *August 15th, 2023 @ 6:30PM at the Shoreview Campus: 599 Cardigan Road, Shoreview, MN 55126 and Virtual Meeting Option*

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