

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 19th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
AIM Campus: 2342 Helen St. N., North St. Paul, MN 55109 and Virtual Meeting Option

TO: ~~Ann Weisner~~, Kim Busse, Stephanie Claybrook, Janet Ha, Jeff Nickolas, ~~Rachel Osband~~, Eve Wolfe, and Julie Tarshish (online)
 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: Pauline Bangma

Call to order: Pauline Bangma @ 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.

Hailey Guyer-Rode addressed the board.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Move to approve the amended agenda to include seating of a new board member			
Made by: Ha		Seconded by: Nickolas	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda			
Made by: Busse		Seconded by: Claybrook	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to approve Eve Wolfe to fill the open teacher board position			
Made by: Ha		Seconded by: Claybrook	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. **Special Education Update** – Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services

- a. Extended School Year (ESY) Dates set for 2024
 - i. July 8-11, July 15-18, July 22-25, July 29-31
- b. ESY participation rate is quite high each year

3. **Business**

- a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff
 - i. Principal/Site Director Update – Dr. Jessica Bjorkman, AIM Site Director
 - 1. Enrollment – 47 students
 - 2. Nearly fully staffed – would like to fill one more position
 - 3. Resource Room – break space staffed by a teacher/case manager
 - a. Getting a lot of appropriate use
 - ii. Student Achievement – Meta Thomas, District Assessment Coordinator
 - 1. Presented the 2023 MCA/MTAS math results
 - a. Looked at past results
 - b. Participation numbers
 - c. NEO Framework – how LGA compares to state, Minneapolis, and SPED focus groups
 - iii. Strategic Planning Update
 - 1. DEIB/RP Coordinator position – working very hard to fill the role – offer has been made, waiting to hear back
 - iv. Personnel – Julie Moeckly, Director of Human Resources
 - 1. Staff Wellness – open enrollment for insurance 11/6-11/16
 - a. Exploring possibility of providing COVID boosters along with flu vaccine clinic
 - 2. Recruitment
 - a. Number of opening at all location in single digits
 - b. Opening for payroll specialist
 - c. Employment offer pending to DEIB candidate
 - d. Employer status on INDEED has improved
- b. Foundation Update – Director Tarshish
 - i. Foundation board met on Sept. 13th
 - 1. Approved funding for acoustical panels for the SHV lunchroom
 - 2. Approved funding for coffee equipment for class at SHV
 - 3. Working to simplify the funding proposal process

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>

- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Claybrook
 - ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen
 - 1. Committee Update
 - 2. Financials

Motion: Move to approve November 2022 financials			
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea:	Nay:	Abstain:

- iii. Executive Director Evaluation Committee Update
- iv. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee Update
- v. Ad Hoc Board Diversity Communication Committee Update
 - 1. Representation and Engagement
- vi. Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee Update
- vii. Authorizer Report

4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting Agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn @			
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea:	Nay:	Abstain:

Next Meeting: *January 17th, 2022 @ 6:30PM at the Shoreview Campus: 599 Cardigan Road, Shoreview, MN 55126 and Virtual Meeting Option*