

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2012 6:00pm
Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

ATTENDEES: Ron Berger, Meta Pautsch, Bob Radspinner, Jonathan Scharlau, Joan Steinmann, Meg Fuller. Others:
Stan Hacker, Director, Bryan Rossi, Novations

ABSENT: Brandy Dougherty

Call to order: At 6:04 pm by Ron Berger, Chair

School Mission Statement:

The mission of Lionsgate Academy is to provide a transition-oriented and personalized learning program focused on secondary high-functioning students on the autism spectrum that supports their full potential, participation, and self-determination within their school, family, and community.

To this end, Lionsgate Academy will create an educational environment that will model best instructional practice and research-based techniques so that the graduates will--to the fullest extent possible--live independently, be involved in further education or gainful employment and develop meaningful relationships with others.

Approval of the agenda: Joan, 2nd by Meg.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Bob, 2nd by Jonathan

1. Model:

a. Student Individual Learning Plans

i. Update on Parents, Students, Staff evaluations

1. Will be sent to board on May 1st for approval.

2. Business

a. Director's Report-Stan

i. Upcoming Events:

1. Art Showcase — Friday, April 27th at 6:00 pm.

2. Community in Reach Breakfast Benefit — Friday May 4th from 8-9 am.

3. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – May 15th, 2012 at 5:30

4. Alice in Wonderland – May 24-26th

5. Family Picnic—June 10th

6. Graduation— June 12th

ii. Testing started this week and is going well.

b. Budget planning

i. Adjusted preliminary budget 2012-2013

c. Legislative Update –Senator Bonoff's Bill

i. Is going to be a part of an education bill. Communication has continued. No other action is currently needed.

d. Foundation Update-Jonathan

i. Message at breakfast: Importance of purchasing school building and hiring Executive Director for Foundation.

ii. Accounts have been moved to Private Bank Minnesota.

Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:

- iii. Discussed benefits of hiring an Executive Director. Overseeing grant-writing process, organizing parent efforts, and making deepening connections with other Foundations and corporations. This is a skill set in which the Foundation needs to hire someone to do.
- e. Committee Reports
 - i. Executive Director Search Committee
 - 1. Open-meeting interviews will be Saturday, April 21st starting at 8:00 am. Closed meeting session will take place following the interviews for discussion and to draft an offer. Hoping for hire by May board meeting.
 - 2. Three candidates are being brought to the board. 60 minutes per candidate. 45 minutes for the interview with a 15-minute interval.
 - 3. Interview notes, provided to Directors at the end of this meeting, are confidential.
 - ii. Governance-Joan
 - 1. Election, nominations
 - a. 5 candidates for teacher, 2 candidates for parent, interest from 1 community member but did not submit application.
 - b. Call for Directors to reach out to community connections.
 - c. Discussed possible to change to only have one voting day, May 15th.
 - d. Possible “Meet and Greet” event before the Arts Showcase on Friday April 29th starting at 5:30 pm. Circulate bios prior to event via LGA website and sent out in Friday Newsletter
 - e. Oscar Prill talked about possibility of going to an electronic voting process, through a purchasable program.
 - iii. Finance-Chris
 - 1. MDE update
 - 2. March Financial Report
 - a. Lease aid application was submitted.
 - b. Will start talking to vendors about pushing back payments, if available.
 - c. Will continue to work with School Business Solution to get MDE to pay the holdback, which is \$500,000 short. Line of credit is secured if it becomes a need.
 - d. Plan to continue with budget freeze through April.

Motion: Move to approve March Financials 2012			
Made by: Jonathan		Seconded by: Bob	
Discussion: See financial handout.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

- 3. Venture Bank and Non-Profit Assistance Fund update
 - a. Jonathan and Chris met with them. We updated on the staffing change. Also submitted paperwork adding Chris to have access to all accounts and removing the old business manager.
- f. Review: May board meeting agenda.

Comments from Community Members

Motion to Adjourn: Bob, 2nd by Meg at 7:11pm.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2012, 6:00 PM