

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 October 18, 2011 6:00pm
 Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

Attended: Ron Berger, Brandy Dougherty, Meta Pautsch, Bob Radspinner, Jonathan Scharlau.
 Others: Stan Hacker, Director, Bryan Rossi, Novations

Absent: Marc Berris, Hemlal Kafle, Joan Steinmann

RE: REGULAR MEETING, Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 6pm, 3420 Nevada Avenue North,
 Crystal, MN 55427

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.

Call to Order: 6:08pm by Ron Berger, Chair

Approval of the agenda: Bob, 2nd by Jonathan

Appointment of Vacant School Board Director's seat

Motion: Move to approve appointment of Meg Fuller to fill the remainder of Oscar Prill's term.			
Made by: Jonathan		Seconded by: Meta	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

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

1. Model:

a. Student Individual Learning Plans

- i. Transitions
- ii. AIM update-Wyayn
 - 1. Strengths:
 - a. Monitor and adjust – eye towards improvement
 - b. Systems-now in place for data tracking
 - c. Student Attendance-they like the program
 - d. Developing curriculum as needs arise
 - e. Fitness at LTF is a positive experience (2x Week)
 - f. Huge improvements in independent living tasks
 - g. Increased desire to be independent

- h. Breakfast club-reward for meeting goals-price, tax and tip
- 2. 5 Focuses: Independent Living Skills, Academics, Work Skills, Social Skills, Community Participation
- 3. Planning, prep and cooking meals for the week.
- 4. Adult Academics-Differentiated Instruction (Functional and GAIN curriculum)
- 5. Work- Based Learning Seminar Class-teach safety to go on work sites
 - a. Three year plan-volunteer, internships, paid internships
- 6. Social Skills-working on soft skills (listening, following directions, etc.)
- 7. Opportunities: Realistic expectations for students start at IEP meetings to begin addressing difficult issues. Work with families to understand true independence and ways for students to own personal finances and financial responsibilities.

i. State Testing Results (MCA/AYP)-Brandy

- 1. Did make AYP in Reading (SH-1 status)
- 2. Did not meet AYP in math
- 3. Will email out results

i. Parent-Teacher Conferences update-Brandy

- 1. Went very well, no big issues or concerns
- 2. Changed time from 12-8pm on Monday and Tuesday without students

b. Future structure of AIM (future topics of committee?)

i. Discussed different options:

- 1. Legislative options-contact Senator Bonoff

i. Space-Jonathan

- 1. Has a contact at Northmark, real estate family that works with other charter schools
- 2. Have an initial meeting to frame the issues and go through the discovery process of what is involved
- 3. Look at how AIM would or would not be in the same space as the High School

i. Enrollment -

ii. Instruction/Operations

iii. Finance

4. Business

- a. Event Calendar-Sign up; passed around sign-up sheet
- b. Director’s Report-Stan
 - i. Parent Orientation PowerPoint
 - 1. 15-20 parents; 117 on waiting list
 - 2. Will be done once a month, with Cabinet rotating through February
 - 3. Retention has been great
 - ii. Message to staff – MEA time; take time to breath and reflect on the positives that is going on in school.
 - 1. Working on areas to improve; TE program and PTL program with new, young staff
- c. Review: November board meeting agenda
- d. Foundation Update-Jonathan/Dave
 - i. They are still in the planning stages and are looking to meet on a Saturday to get through the many start up tasks.
- e. Committee Reports
 - i. Approve line of credit

Motion: Move to allow the Administration to pursue the line of credit with Venture Bank.			
Made by: Jonathan		Seconded by: Meta	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

- ii. Governance-Joan
 - 1. Policies to Review/Pass
 - a. Volunteer
 - b. Inclusive Education Plan
 - c. Multicultural Inclusive Policy

Motion: Move to approve the Volunteer policy as amended.			
Made by: Brandy		Seconded by: Jonathan	
Discussion: Volunteer policy is needed for safety and security issues for the students within the school and runs through the procedures and training needed for a volunteer to come to the school. University or College students can be covered under the community partnership where a background check has been completed.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

Motion: Move to approve the Multicultural Inclusive Policy and Inclusive Education Plan and direct the Administration will bring back the plan in two years for reauthorization.

Made by: Brandy		Seconded by: Bob	
Discussion: Multicultural Inclusive Policy and Inclusive Plan is to gain appreciation and the understanding of the cultural diversity of the U.S., contributions of women and men to society, to Disabled persons and the historical and cultural diversity of all races and cultures with special emphasis on Native Americans, Alaskan natives, Asian Pacific Americans, African Americans, and Hispanic Americans. The plan discusses how this policy will be executed within the school .			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

- 2. Follow-up on Director’s Survey-tabled for November meeting.
- 3. Board Calendar-tabled for November meeting.
- 4. Board Member terms-tabled for November meeting.
- iii. Finance-Dave/Jonathan
 - 1. September Financial Report

Motion: Move to approve September Financial Report			
Made by: Jonathan		Seconded by: Meta	
Discussion: See September dashboard; we are not getting paid on the Excess Lease Aid and the Excess General Aid, ADM 142.5 actual, audit field work is being completed, not currently using line of credit.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

- 2. TIES report
 - a. Transition plan
 - i. Met and will have a team together to transfer HR and Payroll into TIES. Planning to go live January 1, 2012.
 - ii. Request to come to the board with a work plan moving from SBS to TIES.

Comments from Community Members:

Admire LGA in how we demonstrate best practices by reading our vision and mission statements, and reviewing financial statements, and following Robert’s Rule of Order. –Bryan Rossi.

Motion to Adjourn: Brandy at 7:47pm, 2nd Bob

Next Meeting: November 15, 2011, 6:00 PM