

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 November 17, 2016, 6:00pm
 Lionsgate Academy 5605 Green Cir Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55343

TO: Jim Harms, Sara Bydzovsky, Jo Sander, Christine Peper, Emy Bachman(ab), Ali Thorstad, Darren Johnson, Liz Wielinski, and Laura Cottingham.
 Others: Diane Halpin, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Special Education Director; Ron Berger, Director of Finance, Bill Lauer, CPA, MMKR Accounting

FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: Ali Thorstad, Chair, 6:06 pm

School Mission Statement:

The mission of Lionsgate Academy is to foster self-determination by providing a transitions-focused, personalized learning program for all students, specializing in educating students with autism spectrum disorders.

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.

Conflict of Interest Declaration (None)

Approval of the Agenda

- a. Request from Ron to add an agenda item.
 - a. Under Finance section, add budget publication item (audit and management letter to be posted on website and submitted to MDE)

Motion: Move to approve agenda, with budget publication agenda item added.			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes 10-27-2016
- b. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes 10-27-2016
- c. Governance Committee Report 11-2-2016
- ~~d. Approval of Policies

 - i. ~~501 At Will Employment DRAFT~~
 - ii. ~~515 Whistleblower DRAFT~~
 - iii. ~~918 Prohibition of Corporal Punishment DRAFT~~~~

Request to pull item d. from consent agenda to reviewed under Governance section for discussion.

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda with policies being moved to Governance section for discussion.			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Wielinski	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

2. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements (Bill Lauer, MMKR)

- a. Lionsgate Academy audit accurate, complete and in accordance with accounting principles.
- b. Audit and management report distributed and discussed
 - i. Reports to be filed with MDE & State
 - ii. Reports will be posted to LGA website

Motion: Move to approve audit & management report.			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Cottington	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

3. Special Education Update

- a. Ryan Rehnstrand attended MN Administrators for Special Education (MASE) Conference.
- b. Working with Ron to get a head-start on MDE fiscal monitoring for 2017

4. Strategic Planning Update

- a. Affidavit to expand approved for LGA East
- b. MACS Innovation grant
 - i. LGA finalist
- c. Open House will be on January 19, 2017
- d. Personnel hires
 - i. Facilities Manager
 - ii. Occupational Therapist
- e. Farmers Insurance Grant awarded
- f. Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant
 - i. Submitted in November, decision by early 2017

5. Business

- 1. Director's Report-Diane
 - i. Student Achievement
 - 1. Gifted & Talented Program
 - a. LEO: Leadership and Enrichment Opportunities
 - b. Piloted this year with 8 students
- 2. Foundation Update
 - i. Ribbon Cutting will be on the evening of November 18 before Fall Ball
 - 1. Senator Amy Klobuchar will be in attendance
- 3. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance
 - 1. Discuss January and March Board Meeting Dates
 - a. Current conflicts with January 19 and March 16 Board Meeting dates with other LGA events

Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:

Motion: Move to approve moving Jan 19 meeting to Jan 26			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Cottington	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Motion: Move to approve moving March 16 to March 23			
Made by: Harms		Seconded by: Sander	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

b. Discussed policies 501, 515 and 918

i. Policies will go back to Governance for review

ii. Finance

1. Lease aid application will be submitted
2. Committee Update
3. October 2016 Financials

Motion: Move to approve financials.			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Sander	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

iii. Budget Publication Report

1. Required to be posted to LGA Website

Motion: Move to approve Budget Publication Report posted to LGA website			
Made by: Johnson		Seconded by: Wielinski	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

iv. Building

~~v. Executive Director Evaluation~~

6. Review: December's Board Meeting Agenda

Motion to Adjourn: 7:35pm

Motion: Move to adjourn at 7:35pm			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Wielinski	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Next Meeting: December 15, 2016, 6:00 pm

Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:

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