

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 May 17, 2016

Lionsgate Academy 2342 Helen Street North, North St Paul, MN 55109

TO: Jim Harms, Sara Bydzovsky, Malory Kosher, Christine Peper, Emy Bachman, Ali Thorstad, Darren Johnson, Chris Kenealy, and Kurt Nisi (ab).
 Others: Diane Halpin, Executive Director; Emily Kafle, Special Education Director; Ron Berger, Director of Finance
FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: Ali Thorstad, Chair, 6:10 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

Approval of the Agenda

1. One addition to agenda, Approval of Lease Amendment to Financials

Motion: Move to approve agenda.			
Made by: Bachmann		Seconded by: Bydzovsky	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - i. Lionsgate Board Minutes 4-19-2016
- b. Amended Governance Committee Report 4-5-16
- ~~c. Approval of Policies~~

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

2. Special Education Update

- a. Special Education Director Interviews
 - i. Two final candidates with observations on 5/16 and 5/19
- b. NSP first time Twins game outing successful
- c. LGA Prom on 5/14 successful; good experiences
- d. ESY 2016 program held at NSP; 70 students enrolled

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

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. PowerPoint will be provided to the evaluation committee and then provided to the Board.

4. Business

1. Director's Report-Diane

i. Student Achievement

1. BestPrep, InvestWrite essay competition winner LGA student, Luke Howe, best in State.
2. Graduation, 5/26 – Board members expected to attend.
3. Last Cohort of the year 5/16
4. Rolling Thunder, competitive track team for individuals on Spectrum. Potential to participate in track group as volunteers – space available on 6/10.

ii. LGA East

1. 6/1 LGA East Community/Parent meeting at NSP
 - a. Consist of interested parents and community members
 - b. Looking to build support and gage level of interest for LGA East
 - c. Meeting is open to the public
2. NEO Compliance Audit completed, successful

iii. Graduation Security

1. Off-duty Crystal Police officer hired for security purposes
 - a. Proactively hired to deter student behaviors during ceremony
 - b. Good relationship with Crystal PD, knowledge of LGA
 - c. Parents will be notified of the decision for officer

iv. AIM send-off, 5/24

1. Peper will represent Board at ceremony

2. Foundation Update

- i. Community Breakfast proceeds, \$92,000
- ii. Received 15 letters of interest for volunteer efforts
- iii. Requests for funding vetted through Admin for oversight then forwarded to Foundation

3. Committee Reports

i. Governance

1. No meeting was held/no report

ii. Finance

1. Committee Update

- a. Final FYE 2015 State payment received in May
- b. Lease-aid application preparation – deferred until preliminary Certificate of Occupancy received for Minnetonka
- c. FY2016 Budget revised and recommended
- d. FY 2017 Budget recommended

2. Approve Transportation Contract

- a. TCT best provider, lowest bid for transportation
- b. New contract has better terms

Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:

c. Contract terms are exclusive to Lionsgate

Motion: Move to approve Transportation Contract contingent on changes.			
Made by: Peper		Seconded by: Bydzovsky	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

3. Approve Approximately \$60,000 Term Loan

Motion: Move to approve equipment.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Kosher	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

4. Financials

a. Review April 2016 Financial Statements

- i. Board approved a FY16 revised \$10,310,520 in general fund; food and service revenue \$51,750 and expenditures, \$59,763

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

b. Review FYE 2017 Budget

- i. FY17 general fund revenue \$11,359,450, expenditures \$11,330,525

Motion: Move to approve revised FY16 and FY17 budget.			
Made by: Johnson		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

iii. Building

1. Lease Amendment

Motion: Move to approve lease amendment.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

iv. Executive Director Evaluation

- 1. Extended meeting in June to discuss Executive Director (ED) evaluation and compensation
- 2. Meeting will be closed for Diane's ED evaluation

5. Review: June's Board Meeting Agenda

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- a. Meeting will be held at North St Paul Campus again
- b. Chris Kenealy's term is ending bc her student is graduating
 - i. Liz Wieliniski was recommended to cover rest of term.

Motion: Move to approve appointment of Liz Wielinski to Board			
Made by: Bachmann		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay:	Abstain:

Motion to Adjourn: 8:20pm

Motion: Move to adjourn at 8:20pm			
Made by: Harms		Seconded by: Kosher	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Next Meeting: June 14, 2016, 6:00 pm (North St. Paul Campus)