

LIONSGATE ACADEMY  
 District #4183  
**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
 February 14, 2012 6:00pm  
 Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

**ATTENDEES:** Ron Berger, Brandy Dougherty, Meta Pautsch, Bob Radspinner, Jonathan Scharlau, Meg Fuller, Joan Steinmann. Others: Stan Hacker, Director, Dave Rienke, Business Manager, Diane Elkerton, SPED Director, Hannah Cushing, LA Teacher, Wyayn Rasmussen, Trans. Coord., Karen Zolik, Community Member, Curtis Wenzel, Parent

**ABSENT:** None

**Call to order:** 6:03pm 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: Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob**  
**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Meta**

**1. Model:**

**a. Student Individual Learning Plans**

- i. Balanced Literacy-Hannah Cushing-See handout: “Balanced Literacy: Fun-Sized”
  - 1. Discussed long-term goals, 2011-2012 program goals, and implementation results.

**2. Business**

**a. Director’s Report-Stan**

- i. Mixed Blood Theater: “Daughters of Africa” presentation, Thursday, February, 16<sup>th</sup>; 2 presentations, one for the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade and one for the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.
- ii. Staff change for Inclusion LA teacher, filled by Jenny Schmidt.
- iii. Payment from the MDE was deposited today \$1.3 million
- iv. Investigating and looking for different space for the AIM program
  - 1. Need more information for the board to make a decision
  - 2. Requesting what direction the board would like to take in this space issue
  - 3. Discussion on Statute with limit of 150 students
  - 4. Stan arrange a small group meeting with Senator Bonoff

**b. Approve 2012-13 School Calendar**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve 2012-2013 School Calendar			
<b>Made by:</b> Brandy		<b>Seconded by:</b> Bob	
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Approved Unanimously			

- c. Budget planning-Stan
  - i. Reconciling between TIES and SkyWard is currently taking place and when this is finished (goal is first week of March)
  - ii. After this is completed, goal is to bring a draft to the Board at the April meeting
- d. Foundation Update-Jonathan
  - i. Approved bylaws
  - ii. Few changes to officer positions
  - iii. Moving from Wells Fargo (fees high) to Private Bank of MN (no fee)
  - iv. Spring Breakfast- reserving money to fund this
    - 1. Venue: Golden Valley Country Club
  - v. Reserving money to provide front money for possible future purchase
  - vi. Editing forms for requests for grants
  - vii. Next goal: grant writing and coordinating communications to parents
  - viii. Annual meeting each year after the fundraising breakfast
- e. Committee Reports
  - i. Executive Director Search Committee
    - 1. Position is now posted and individuals are now responding
    - 2. Discussed job description
    - 3. Ranked experiences and behaviors based on job description
    - 4. Alyssa has drafted the resume screen score card and working right now on phone screening
    - 5. Timeline: End of February Alyssa will begin phone screening, March 6<sup>th</sup> Board training on behavior, scheduling for Sat. March 24<sup>th</sup> pre-interviews with Search Committee and final on March 31<sup>st</sup> is target date for interviews, middle of April offer out to candidate and have new Director come to Family Picnic on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Growth of School Committee
    - 1. Discussed idea that AIM may need to be off-campus and outside of the school building
    - 2. Discussed possibility of limiting the size of AIM, concerns parents had with this possibility
      - a. If limits are made than what type of resources will be available to parents
    - 3. Discussed logistics and to look at numbers and how broad a group of students LGA can mentor and where the resources are for those we cannot.
    - 4. Question: How can we service everyone and stabilize?
    - 5. Further discussion on implications and to look that the numbers work and to find out more information about Lease Aid
    - 6. Purchasing school, need to be in operation at 60 months before purchasing
  - iii. Governance-Joan
    - 1. Policies to Review
      - a. Review election protocol- see handout, "Lionsgate Academy-Nomination and Election Policy"
        - i. General guidelines that would work for every election and general enough so that specific dates would not be locked in

- ii. Discussed the procedure, voting, counting and reporting of the election
- iii. Board to review, give feedback for final approval at the March board meeting
- 2. Appoint nomination committee
  - a. Meg Fuller-Chair, Oscar Prill, Karen Zolik, Todd Schwartzberg
- 3. Policies to Approve
  - a. Approve amendments to bylaws

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve new revised 2-12-12 Bylaws			
<b>Made by:</b> Joan		<b>Seconded by:</b> Bob	
<b>Discussion:</b> Discussion on the phrasing of the number of board members to: “five to no more than nine.”			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously			

- iv. Finance-Dave/Jonathan
  - 1. MDE update
  - 2. January Financial Report
    - a. TIES and Skyward are being reconciled
    - b. Preliminary copies of the financial will be ready tomorrow, Wednesday, February 14, 2012.
    - c. Will need to approve January and February financials at the March 20, 2012
- f. Review: March board meeting agenda

**Comments from Community Members**

None

**Motion to Adjourn:** 7:20pm Ron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meg

**Next Meeting:** March 20, 2012, 6:00 PM