

LIONSGATE ACADEMY  
District #4183  
**BOARD MEETING MINTUES**

June 19, 2012 6:00pm

Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

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

**OTHERS:** Twila Jensen, Diane Halpin

**Call to order:** 6:01 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: Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan**

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Joan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathan**

**Model:**

**a. Student Individual Learning Plans- Oscar**

i. Evaluation results

1. Reopened staff survey- 95 responses total now
2. Student- 99 responses
3. Parent- 54 responses (idea for increasing responses: have computers set up at a function like the picnic)

**2. Business**

a. Director's Report-Stan

- i. Building/space update- \$28,000 requested for House and room 25, we offered \$20,000. August 1<sup>st</sup> lease will start. Church will have to put in new floor in the building kitchen due to heath code inspection.
- ii. Stan signed consultant contract for next year. 1. Committed to helping Diane making the transition and helping the organization continue to be successful. 2. Stan will also be spending time in the fall with the math department make improvements. 3. Work with leadership team; Chris with budgeting, Brandy with scheduling. 4. Meeting with Ron and Diane every other week.
- iii. Joe has a contract and is still looking over details. He would be working with BIT, transitions, and support services.
- iv. Very few staff turnover. All case managers, support services (except OT) and general education teachers coming back. Losing a few educational assistants as well. Hiring an Autism Specialist.
- v. End of the year went well, family picnic, graduation

b. Strategic Planning –Friday, June 22 @ 3-9pm

i. Proposed Agenda

1. How do we measure results to enhance our reputation? What are the indicators?

**Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:**

Novation Education Opportunities, 500 Washington Avenue South, Suite 1020, Minneapolis, MN 55415  
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- 2. Transfer of leadership
- 3. Monthly topics for the upcoming year
- c. Foundation Update-Jonathan
  - 1. Recognize Randy and Jim for the Randy's Ride Fundraiser
  - 2. Forming school purchase committee
  - 3. Search for employee to do grant writing and general fundraising
  - 4. Breakfast raised- over \$40,000
- d. School Performance Goals-see handout
  - i. Has been updated for our authorizer
- e. Committee Reports
  - i. Legislative update
    - 1. Needs to be read for clarification regarding general education holdback being reduced to 10%.
  - ii. Finance-Chris
    - 1. MDE update
      - a. 525,000 leftover for line of credit
      - b. Board discussed transportation
    - 2. May Financial Report

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve May Financials.			
<b>Made by:</b> Jonathan		<b>Seconded by:</b> Joan	
<b>Discussion:</b> See financial dash board and handout.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 5	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously Approved			

- 3. SBS
  - iii. Governance-Joan
    - 1. Election results and transfer of seats
      - a. Board training for new members.
    - 2. Appreciation of service for Jonathan and Brandy
  - f. Except Jonathan's resignation and accept Twila Jensen

<b>Motion:</b> Move to appoint Twila Jensen to serve as a community member until the next election.			
<b>Made by:</b> Ron		<b>Seconded by:</b> Bob	
<b>Discussion:</b> none			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 5	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously Approved			

- g. Review: July board meeting agenda

**Comments from Community Members**

**Motion to Adjourn:** 7:05 Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Meta

**Next Meeting:** July 17, 2012, 6:00 PM