

New Life Academy of Excellence
Board Meeting Minutes
Apr 20, 2024

I. Call to Order – 9:27AM

II. Roll Call – Theresa Thomas, Carter Wilson, Willie Tolbert, Christine Chen, Dr.Matisa Wilbon (online),
Director Forward

III. Review minutes from the previous meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2024 –

**Theresa motioned to approve the minutes, Carter Wilson seconded. The motion was carried, and the minutes were approved.

IV. NLAE Mission and Vision

- Interview of Christine Chen

V. NLAE Updates

- Charter Renewal approved by GaDOE on March 28, 2024 - Approved
- Title I Eligibility – Had initial meetings for qualification of Title I, they will come back in May to determine the academic needs of our students to best determine how to use the monies available. Parents will be included in this process. Federal Funding
- March Employee/Department of the Month
 - Mandarin Chinese Language Department
 - Ms. Lin, Mrs. Wang, Mr. Xiong, Mrs. Roquemore
- YCT Assessment (Grades 5 & 8) Test given in March
- K-5 Reading Challenge: March 15 - April 8, 2024. Read Across America (increasing the love of reading)
- Middle School Dance: April 12, 2024 (sponsored by our parent organization)
- Career Day: April 15 & 16, 2024
- Upcoming Events
 - Field Day: May 16, 2024
 - Kindergarten Graduation: May 21, 2024, 9:00am
 - Eighth Grade Graduation: May 21, 2024, 5:30pm
 - Last Day of School: May 22, 2024
 - Post Planning: May 23, 2024
 - GCPS Summer Leadership Conference: June 5-7, 2024
 - Summer School: June 10 - 28, 2024 (grade recovery before and after school to avoid Summer School)

VI. Enrollment

- Current Enrollment - 586
- Forecast Enrollment for SY 24-25 - 774

VII. Testing/Assessment Updates

- iReady EOY Window: April 15 - May 22, 2024
- GA Milestones: April 22 - May 3, 2024
- District Assessment Window: May 6 - May 22, 2024

VIII. PBIS Updates (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support)

- Discipline Report
- PBIS Lessons
 - April: Test Taking Tips, Dealing with Test Anxiety

IX. Employee Services

- Teacher Contracts for SY 24-25 due April 8, 2024
- Ongoing teacher recruitment
- New teacher incentives
 - MS Math
 - MS Science
 - Special Education
- **Theresa Thomas motioned for school to provide from our budget an incentive of \$3,000, with a 2-year commitment to new teachers in the areas of Math & Science for Middle School, & Special Education teachers. Effective for 2024-2025 School Year. Willie Tolbert seconded. Motion was carried.

X. School Nutrition Program Update

- 67% Free/Reduced Lunch Students
 - 323 Free Students (54.9%)
 - 71 Reduced (12.1%)
 - 194 Full Pay (33%)
- Intent to begin process of new Request for Bid/Proposal (RFP) has been submitted and approved by GaDOE on April 11, 2024.
- **Carter Wilson moved that NLAE be given authorization to solicit bids for Reduced and Free Lunch providers. Willie Tolbert seconded. The motion was carried.

XI. Academic Updates

- Reveal Math
- EL Learning (ELA)
- Grade Recovery

XII. Facilities Update

- Landscaping, Middle School and Main Campus
 - Spring Flowers
 - Removal of trees and shrubs at Middle School

- HVAC Quarterly Maintenance

XIII. Financial Update

- Financial Report
 - Overview of SY 24-25 Budget
 - Approval needed for SY 24-25 Budget
- **Theresa Thomas motioned to accept the financial report as read. Carter Wilson seconded. Motion was carried.
 - ** Theresa Thomas motioned to approve the SY 2024-2025 Budget. Willie Tolbert seconded. Motion was carried.

XIV. Board Updates

- Introduction of New Board Candidate
- Board Training: May 18, 2024: 9:00am

XV. Adjournment – 10:53AM