

Lake Norman Charter Open Board Meeting Minutes
September Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2024
7:00PM Eastern Time



General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-Superintendent, Craig Randall, Amy Carr, Jarred Tilley, Derik Screen, Nicole Benford

Craig Randall called the general meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

The August meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent.

I. Support Group Update

A. PTO

1. Jamil from the PTO says the PTO has had a successful beginning to the year. They plan to continue with the snack carts at all schools. The first staff luncheon will be on September 22, and the family tailgate will be that evening as well.

B. Athletic Boosters

1. All sports are beginning their seasons or are a few games in. All is going well. The next home football game will be on September 23.
2. The early Bird sales for the Boosters are happening now. The Booster Pass is a great deal for families.
3. The school is cashews now for all events.
4. The Golf Tournament will be on October 21, and we are about halfway full at this point.

II. State/School Report

- A. The state data on EOC/EOG performance came in today, and LNC is Grade A. LNC also exceeded growth expectations.
- B. LNC has a school teacher of the year, and Demi Ckezepis, the winner for all three schools, will represent LNC at the state level.
- C. Title 9 regulation guidance has been released. The previous Title 9 provides protection for sexual harassment for identified genders, and for harassment to be considered, it must be severe, pervasive and offensive; the new rule says severe OR pervasive OR offensive. Additionally, schools now have to provide protection for harassment that is happening off campus, meaning social media. LNC has been named in a lawsuit that stemmed in Kansas. That child received an injunction. This means the previous Title 9 will apply to LNC until the Kansas lawsuit ends. LNC did go through the coalition for a lawyer and reached out to Gil, the lawyer LNC frequently uses. There is no threat to LNC.
- D. LNC has more neurodiverse students who are working more on job skills. Both middle and high school students have been working a coffee cart. They have been visiting many outside agencies and learning more about job skills and opportunities in the community.
- E. During COVID, LNC received grant funds to have a psychologist on campus. We have partnered with Atrium Health to provide school-based virtual care and teletherapy for students during the school day. Flyers were distributed during back-to-school night.
- F. The website has a running document allowing the public to learn about who LNC is and our

successes and background. (School, mission, Leadership in Action, Recognition, Programs, ACT/SAT, board members, etc...) Thank you, Marie Joseph, for updating this and launching the new and improved "Get to Know LNC" information.

- G. Information about student physical safety, mental safety, wellbeing at school and what LNC is doing to support students and families has been sent out to the community. This will continue to be updated throughout the school year.
- H. The high school counseling department has two college fairs upcoming. One is this evening, September 4, and LNC has been asked by UNCC to host another college fair on October 18 with over 80 schools in attendance.
- I. There will be a Community tailgate on September 22 (K-12).
- J. Knights Navigators is a group of seniors who go to the elementary school to help during club day.
- K. Kindergarten and 6th grade are continuing to collaborate this year as well.
- L. The school met with the Huntersville Parks and Rec department. They are partnering again with the new elementary school and donating funds to the school to partner with several opportunities, such as the new tennis courts. At the same time, a brand new park will open. This will offer bathroom facilities for LNC as well as the public park, and Huntersville will help with the upkeep of the tennis courts.

III. Old Business:

- A. THRIVE: The group still needs to meet this school year. Its members include board members, students, teachers from all schools, counselors and administration. The goals for the year are student experience (Knights of Distinction), career exploration (Career Speaker Series), and leadership in action, as well as promoting the "why" to students and teachers. There were sign-ups for assistance with the Career Speaker Series at back to school night.
- B. Future Ready: This committee is comprised of board members, school teachers, parents and administrators. Dr. Graham drafted a mission statement, and the team will meet for the first time on the 16.
- C. IDE&A: This committee will meet next week to discuss the transition and become an operational committee.

IV. New Business

- A. Bobbit Appendix A Contract Addendum:
 - 1. The contract has been amended, and the board will vote on it this evening. This will extend the contract past the set design. Financing will be finishing soon (the third week of September), so the next steps will be put in place. The school is hoping for a groundbreaking in October. LNC worked with PNC and is in a good fiscal position. The council has reviewed this contract. Authorize this contract to move forward with construction and authorize moving forward with the retainage amendment to Appendix A (page 3) until 100% of the work is done.

Motion to approve the Bobbit retainage amendment Appendix A Contract Addendum by Amy Carr; Jared Tilley seconds; motion carries.

- B. Title II Grant Certification: Title 2 is a federal grant (\$75,000) to continue professional development for the staff, which lasts 27 months and can be revised as we progress as long as the money is used for professional development.

The general meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.