



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

August Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2025

7:00 PM Eastern Time

General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-Superintendent, Greg Kilpatrick, Amy Carr, Craig Randall, Nicole Benford, Derick Screen, Jeff Flannagan, Gray Morris, Jorge Gonzalez, Andrew Palladino

Greg Kilpatrick called the general meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes

The June meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

I. Support Group Update

- A. Athletic Boosters Annual Report
 - 1. High school sports started last week and games begin next week. The MS sports program starts next week. LNC is part of a new conference this year and we have the same conference all the way through the buildings to build sports comradery. The Boosters Early Bird Discount will run through September. They are using a new platform- Dragonfly- this is going well so far. Questions, please reach out to Jean Peppercorn.
 - 2. PTO: The two new presidents this year are: MS-Katrina Screen HS-Kim Schild will announce the new leader at their next meeting.

II. State/School Report

- A. Thank you to the Huntersville police and fire departments for their response to the theft and arson that happened at the ES earlier this week. The investigation is going well. They hope to wrap it up this week
- B. New hires started today. There are 14 new employees.
 - 1. The new assistant principal at the middle school is Peter Fusco. He also has a counseling background.
- C. Serve Ten Hours has been revamped to better track the hours and celebrate their volunteering. Lunch volunteers are needed to offer lunches each day.
- D. Knights Fund Projects Update: The three projects have been started. At the MS, on the visitor's side of the school there is an area called "The Hill." This will be ready the first day of school. The Adventure Playground will be ready for the first day at the ES. The HS has Knight's Plaza. This area is still under construction. They will be back out there once the weather cooperates. These were all done through stakeholder partnerships.
- E. Lon Chang took some of our "retired" computers and repurposed them for the Expedition School, which was flooded from a tropical storm that came through Hillsboro. Lon gave the computers to Scott Weekland from the school. LNC has also sent computers to Honduras as well in this way.
- F. Legislative update: The legislature is expected to discuss the budget again in mid-October with hopes that we will have a resolution.
- G. SB 254: Charter School Law that passed: LNC is not required to report class rank on transcripts. This also allows for flexibility in the assessment and evaluation system.
- H. New Technology Law in NC: Students are not permitted to have personal devices on during instructional time. Personal electronic devices for students will be put away during instruction.

- I. AP Scores: Increased pass rate in 10 tests, went up 6 percentage points, 100% pass rate on 6 tests and 90% pass rate on 19 tests.
- J. LNC was nominated for the Normy Award.
- K. Elementary West construction is going well. The turnover date has been moved up to March 20. This will give facilities and technology more time to prepare the school. LNC's partnership with the park is going well, and there have been agreements executed between them. The time capsule will be moved to the spring.

III. Old Business:

- A. Future Ready: The committee met over the summer and reviewed data from the EOY AI technology survey, established AI usage expectations, finalized a plan to launch the portrait of a graduate rebrand, explored ways to enhance their presence on the school's website, and addressed vacancies and the need for additional committee members. Last year, there was a focus on the teacher side of AI. This year, the focus will be on working with students on their interactions based on the guidelines LNC has set.

IV. New Business

- A. Investment Policy Revaluation: The school has investments that we want to reevaluate. The committee would like to move the money into a money market while they investigate the new strategy. The interest rate is 4.25%. This will allow LNC to make money while reexamining the strategy.

Motion to approve investment policy by Amy Carr; Craig Randall seconds; motion passes.

- B. Personal Electronics Use Policy: The Cell Phone Use Policy Update (2025) in the handbook is based on House Bill 959. This means more changes at the HS than at the MS and ES. It also includes a digital citizenship curriculum and no cell phone usage or access during instructional time. This will be called a Personal Electronic Device Policy, which includes headphones, AirPods, cellphones, watches, etc. The changes include:
 - 1. At the HS, students used to have phones and did not have to turn them off. The change is that all students will turn their phones off and put them in a phone holder/keeper in each class. This is how teachers can take attendance. Students are permitted to use phones during class transitions, CPCC time, and lunch only. From bell to bell, they will not have any personal electronic devices. Teachers and administration can check for suspected misuse or the presence of a secondary device. This will be a violation of the LNC Honor Code.

Motion to approve personal electronics policy by Nicole Benford; Jorge Gonzolez seconds; motion passes.

Motion to close the session by Andrew Palladino; Nicole Benford seconds; motion passes.

The general meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.