



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

February Open Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2026

7:00 PM Eastern Time

General Meeting

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

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

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

I. Public Comment: Mr. Palmer spoke to the board about the board selection process.

II. Support Group Update

A. PTO

1. Friday, February 6 there will be a teacher luncheon.
2. The 26-27 EduKit is underway at the elementary and middle schools.
3. ES East's father-daughter dance is coming up.
4. PTO is actively recruiting new leaders.
5. PTO Transition team has been created to support the new elementary school.

III. State/School Report

- A. Ms. Stein: **Thank you Board Members** for your support and commitment. This is board appreciation month.
- B. LNC is partnering with an AI Program from Ivy League schools to offer AI Camps for high school and middle school this summer. This will be project-based.
- C. Additionally, there will be a STEM and art camps at the middle and elementary schools. These are hosted by LNC staff members.
- D. LNC has received a Platinum Recognition AP Honor Roll because of the AP scores and number of students enrolled in these courses.
- E. LNC has several student finalists for prestigious college scholarships here in NC at this time.
- F. LNC has been making good progress with the Community Hub. (ES East) The athletic practice facility will be improved, the playground moved. An update will be provided at the March board meeting.
- G. March 4: Elementary School West tour and Time Capsule Ceremony will be held prior to the board meeting (5:30 pm; March 4)
- H. State Budget: LNC is under a continuing resolution. No public servants will get raises at this time. A budget has not been established by the state and may not be created until June.
- I. LNC is getting ready to launch the new lottery on February 19. There will be more openings due to the new school.
- J. The family and staff surveys will go out on February 17 and be open through March 2. The results will be shared with the board by March 20 for the April 1 retreat.

- K. Dr. Graham: NC Report Card Performance Data (24-25) will be housed on the LNC website.
1. How is it calculated? 80% of the grade is student achievement and 20% is based on student growth. 15 point scale. Performance grade of 85-100 is an A.
 2. LNC has an A. (performance grade: 88)
 3. Sub group growth status: All subgroups have shown growth.
 4. There is a three-year comparison of the data included on the webpage (chart and graph).
 5. LNC earned Exceeds Growth Expectations.
 6. Compared to LNC contemporaries, LNC is the only one who exceeded growth.
 7. College readiness based on ACT scores (19 is the mid score) LNC is doing well and has improved over the years.
 8. Trends: Strong performance, growth in sub groups, effective instruction happening, high performing students are growing. Opportunities: More targeted support for students with disabilities.
 9. Academic supports in place: MTSS, Collaborative Planning, Data Talks, Parent-Teacher conferences, professional development, Counseling Ops (HS), ACT/SAT TEst Prep (HS), Funchess Fellows (HA), KT (MS/HS), Leveled Literacy intervention (ES), Intervention and enrichment block (ES).

IV. Old Business

- A. Future Ready
1. AI concerns, specifically at the high school level, were discussed. Monitoring software, Securely, is being implemented at the HS to assist in monitoring students and their devices. MS can use Apple Classroom.
 2. The survey was provided to the students about AI and the results are in. These will be presented next month.
 3. Durable skill of the month: Communication
- B. THRIVE
1. Middle and High School Updates: Career Quest (Knights Finding a Path) 9 presenters secured for February 25 for the freshmen. Sophomores on 3/25 9 speakers secured. LAUNCH: Knights Residency will happen in April. This will be with the junior class-the PreMed club 36 juniors at Novant Health. Big Knight/Little Knight is rescheduled for 2/9. The credit union partnership was shared with the OCS program at the high school.
 2. Elementary School- LNC will be aligning the LiA and Knight Standards schedule for the next school year. This can be done monthly and will be different for each school grade. These will be created with the intention of blending them with existing lesson plans.

V. New Business

- A. Internet Connection Contract Elementary-West
1. The construction is going well; LNC will take possession of the building in March/April. LNC needs to make sure LNC has an internet connection immediately. MCNC provides the internet at the HS/MS. There is a fiber hut at the HS parking lot. This cannot be used at the ES West due to the distance. Because of this, LNC will apply to use the E-rate process through AT&T. With this, the federal government will provide the funding for this once LNC applies and is approved. LNC needs a contract for this in order to get approved.

Motion to approve the contract for AT&T E-Rate by Nicole Benford; Amy Carr seconded; motion passed.

B. Weather Updates:

1. Because of the needed remote days due to the weather, more in person days would be best for quarter 3. The request is that March 12 be changed from remote day to an in person learning day to provide in person instruction.

Motion to approve the amended calendar for March 12 to be in person by Nicole Benford; Jorge Gonzalez seconded; motion passed.

C. Policy

1. Because LNC is going up for Charter renewal in the next couple of years, LNC has been reviewing policies to ensure we are in line with best practice and that procedures are codified to ensure consistency for the future. Over the next couple of months, there may be several proposals. These 5 policies are being sought for approval:
 - a. School Records: maintenance; confidentiality; process for permanently maintaining records, written records and compliance with state law.
 - b. School Organizational Oversight: (501-C3: Athletic Board Club and PTO) Policy to have these support groups report out to the board with leader names, quantify fund raising, and financial disclosure to the board. The purpose is to keep an open dialogue and transparency with each group. Independent auditors will check records.
 - c. Public Open Records Requests: This was reviewed by legal counsel. The process, the charge (fees/cost), the expectations (specifics), the state guidelines, and what LNC's process will be, and timelines.
 - d. Board Meetings: Policy about posting for board meetings and direction around open/closed sessions.
 - e. Elementary School Late Pick-Up Fee Revision: This amended handbook policy is similar to other schools and has been reviewed by several board members and two elementary school principals. This is more student-focused. Failure to pay causes restrictions on the parent, not on the child. This policy will be in the handbook.

Motion to approve the policy for School Records by Amy Carr; Craig Randall seconds; motion passed.

Motion to approve the policy for 501-C3 School Organizational Oversight by Gray Morris; Derrick Screen seconds; motion passed.

Motion to approve the policy for Public Open Records Request by Craig Randall; Nicole Benford seconds; motion passed.

Motion to approve the policy for Board Meetings by Amy Carr; Gray Morris seconds; motion passed.

Motion to approve the amended policy for Elementary Late Fee Revision by Jorge Gonzalez; Gray Morris seconded; motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm by Nicole Benford; Derrick Screen seconds; motion passed.