



Lake Norman Charter Board of Education Meeting

March Open Board Meeting Minutes

March 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, Derrick Screen

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

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

The February meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

I. Support Group Update

A. PTO

- A. The elementary school Father-Daughter Dance, Bouquets and Bowties, will be on Saturday night.
- B. March 27 is the staff appreciation
- C. PTO is looking for new representatives at the new elementary school.

B. Athletic Boosters

- A. Winter sports have concluded. Women's basketball finished 23-4. They made it to the second round of the playoffs. Men's basketball finished 15-12 and made it to the second round as well. Both MS teams did well as well. The middle school swim team finished their first season doing well. High school swim and dive teams went to conference, regional, and state championships. Spring sports are underway now.

II. State/School Report

- A. Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the time capsule at the new elementary school
- B. Stephanie Lane is the regional teacher of the year; Holland was the final principal of the year, and Lon Chang is the Charter Regional Director of the year.

III. HS Counseling Services Presentation

- A. Mike Porter, Kim VanBuren, Christine Casillas, and Ashley Tatman from the high school student services department presented their services. All support portions of the alphabet. In addition, they contribute through:
 - A. Student Services meeting structure has changed: Counselor team meeting once a week, Data meeting, and 2 monthly meetings with administration.
 - B. Ashley Tatman is organizing all 9th-grade students: she is holding individual meetings with every 9th-grade student to cover resources, HS graduation requirements, transcripts, GPA, and setting goals for themselves. She has assisted in creating a Knight Time curriculum that includes sessions on career and college readiness. The meetings provide consistent guidance and support so students stay informed and prepared for success in high school. Assistance for registration for rising 9th graders, February 23-27, and current 9th graders, March 2-20, was provided. She met with each 8th grader to discuss class selection.
 - C. Principal Productivity: Beginning in January, counseling launched lessons for Knight Time with practical skills. Prioritizing tasks and managing time effectively, the next meeting will be

about HOW to plan and How do you follow through?

- D. Christine Casillas is the CPCC liaison for Career and College Promise: There is a Schoology course for this now with updates, progress updates, and check-ins. There is a new booklet with information for parents. There were six mandatory parent meetings to attend so parents can be invested in their student's CPCC journey. There are mandatory student check-ins, quarterly check-ins, and quarterly progress updates. She also holds CPCC support meetings during Knight Time.
 - a. There were 665 grades 63.1% earned As in their classes.
 - b. 76 students will be taking English, History, or both for graduation requirements.
 - c. Applications are due on March 20.
- E. Kim VanBuren: Annual Student Events:
 - a. CFNC Financial Aid Presentation comes to speak in the fall. This year, 113 parents and students attended. 75% of the senior class has completed the FAFSA this year.
 - b. STARS Event- This is an information session that allows students to self-report their academic history. This streamlines the application process. 35 students attended.
 - c. CPCC Field Trip: March 17- This is designed for students who plan on attending CPCC in the fall.
 - d. CACRAO College Fair- LNC hosts this college fair each year. This past year, there were 90+ colleges and the military were represented, and 219 students and parents attended. (October 14)
 - e. CROWN Mini College Fair: regionally based admission representatives living in the Charlotte area. This will take place on March 23 during the school day for students.
- F. Communication:
 - a. High School Counseling Newsletter, the Scholarship Bulletin, Coffee Chats (two times a year, introduction and registration), and website updates.
 - b. Student Outreach- Freshmen, junior, and senior meetings. Registration information. All meetings are held at times which support the college application process, college tours, scholarships, course selection, etc. These are one-on-one meetings. Parents are encouraged to come to junior and senior meetings. Sophomores have small group meetings with counselors. Counselors are visiting Knight Time classes to discuss registration and keep all students on track.
- G. Trade schools, the military, and opportunities for all students are discussed. The counselors work hard to connect students with the proper supports for their future success.
- H. Wellness Initiatives: Wellness Wednesdays- tips are shared on Schoology, Guided Meditation is offered on Flex Fridays, wellness resources are noted on the LNC website.
- I. 9-12 Updated Curriculum: LNC is moving away from Naviance and will be using College for North Carolina (CFNC) and Big Future (College Board) to develop a comprehensive curriculum for college and career exploration. They are creating a centralized space that houses the important information, including a clear breakdown of quarterly expectations. (LNC Future Path)

IV. Old Business

- A. Future Ready
 - 1. Knight's Armor- Forging Armor quality for the month is: Adaptability. The team will incorporate AI into each of these.
 - 2. The team is reviewing the policy and guidelines for the acceptable use of AI. The committee will be working with the technology facilitators to work on helping students with prompting.
 - 3. The student survey was deployed. Some takeaways are: Students are concerned about bias, miscommunication, and the benefits and risks of AI literacy.
- B. THRIVE
 - 1. Big Knight; Little Knight- High school students were paired with 5th graders who had similar

- interests. The high school students came over during Knight Time, did icebreakers with the kids, and held some sessions to bring the campuses together. March 9 will be the second visit.
2. Launched the Career Quest during Knight Time. All freshmen participated in a session with a guest speaker based on their interests. There was one speaker for each Knight Time class. The team is discussing the potential combination of Career Quest and LiA. On March 25, the sophomores will have guest speakers.
 3. April 15 will be the LAUNCH trip with junior PreMed Club members. They will spend the day with NOVANT in Huntersville.
 4. Knights of Distinction timeline adjustment discussion. This is about students who are really making an impact in our community.

V. New Business

A. Community Hub Contract

1. LNC needs to exit the trailer at the elementary school per our agreement with Huntersville's conditional zoning. Grading will happen where the trailers are; this will become a playspace, and an office space will be built as well. LNC would like to move towards a community hub for district-wide meetings, staff collaboration, a permanent home for the board, AP testing, School events, and a potential community outreach space.
2. LNC will be able to self-fund this. Additionally, \$650,000 is coming from Huntersville.
3. Seeking approval for completing the construction contract to build this, not to exceed \$3.25 million dollars. After the groundbreaking for this project, it will be completed by approximately March of next year.

Motion to approve the contract for the Community Hub not to exceed 3.25 million by Jorge Gonzalez; Gray Morris seconded; motion passed.

B. Computer Science Graduation Requirement

1. 24-26 LNC had a waiver for the computer science requirement because LNC does not have CTE courses. In the 26-27 year LNC must comply. LNC will change the graduation requirements by not changing the total credits, but the general electives will change from 3 to 2, and computer science will be added as a required credit.
2. Every middle school has to offer a computer science class as well. Grade 8 will have the computer science credit offered instead of Spanish I. At the HS, students will still have the option for World Language, encouraging dual enrollment for an approved computer science course. Opportunities will be provided during junior and senior years.

Motion to approve the change in graduation requirements, (reducing the general elective credits to 2 and adding the computer science requirement) by Nicole Benford; Derrick Screen seconds; motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM by Nicole Benford; Craig Randall seconds; motion passed.