LOTUS SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE BOARD MEETING
Minutes

Date: 04/11/2019
Time: 5:30 PM (Mountain Time)
Place: Executive Director’s Office; 11001 E Alameda Ave Aurora, CO 80012

Board Members in attendance:
Mr. Don Knapp, President
Mr. Nursen Konuk, Vice-President
Ms. Joe Peters, Treasurer
Mrs. Angela Velez-Reyes, Secretary

Additional attendees:
Mr. Tim Farmer, Attorney
Mr. Bart Skidmore, CPA

Executive Director:
Mr. Michael Hecker

Agenda: (Motioned by Nursen for agenda approval, seconded by Angela, Agenda adopted)

✓ Call to order
✓ Pledge of allegiance
✓ Public comments: None

✓ Board comments: Nursen attended an annual Math competition where LSE competitors were involved taking 2nd and 4th place. That’s awesome! Angela met with Mr. Hecker to discuss bringing Missoula’s Children’s Theater to LSE. Elementary students would be given the opportunity to perform in a musical production next fall. She also presented Mr. Hecker with the Colorado Construction Academy, youth apprentice program, for LSE high School students. This would provide high school students with a post-secondary pathway to CCA and hopefully assist in retaining 11th and 12th grade students.

✓ LSE Financial Report (see attached financial memo for more detail)
  o Bart’s highlights:
    ▪ LSE’s cash position is $2,128,697 an increase of $547.2k over the same period last year.
- LSE's goal is to submit a draft budget to APS by 4/15/19
- The LSE 2017 PERA audit is complete and the auditor found no exceptions.
- Track Legislative Bills on Chalk Beat

✔ Executive Director's Report (see attached memo for more details):
  - Mr. Hecker's highlights:
    - General Topics: the new school uniform policy will need to be reviewed by the board at the next board meeting.
    - CCA concurrent enrollment contract signed.
    - Ribbon cutting ceremony for new building was on 4/11/2019 at 4:00pm
    - LSE students will travel to Washington DC to receive recognition for outstanding achievement; 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Congressional Medalist. Congratulations!
    - New construction projects
    - New general fund projects

✔ Action Items:
  - Nursen brought forth a motion to amend 3/7/19 board minutes Joe seconded, unanimously approved.
  - Angela brought forth a motion to contract Mr. Andy Franco with MEG (at the hourly rate of $110 / for 5 hours per month, for Executive Director training purposes) subject to the finalization of Mr. Heckers 2019-2020 employment contract. Joe seconded, unanimously approved.
  - Joe brought forth a motion to approve the LSE Appropriating Resolution 2019-2020 Fund Expenditure Budget. Angela seconded, unanimously approved.
  - Nursen brought forth a motion to remove Mamay Worku from the LSE school board (due to absenteeism). Angela seconded, unanimously approved.
  - The board took a break from 6:19-6:27

✔ Discussion Items:
  1. The next board meeting to be held on 5/2/2019 at 5:30pm
2. Board Retreat update:
   - possible dates June 15th or June 22nd
   - Angela will contact John Brenza for board training

✓ Board Training:
   o Tim discussed the Sunshine Laws
     1. Open Records ACT
     2. Open Meetings Law
   o Don presented / discussed Charter School League Board Training Modules

The LSE Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm

Board President:
Don Knapp

Board Secretary:
Angela Velez-Reyes