



LOTUS SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE BOARD MEETING
Minutes

Lotus School for Excellence

Mission: Lotus School for Excellence provides a safe learning environment and a rigorous college preparatory curriculum supported by a diverse, dedicated community.

Vision: Our vision is to create well-rounded and global-minded citizens who are prepared for a college education in order to pursue careers in S.T.E.A.M. fields and become contributing members of the community

Date: 12/12/2019

Time: 5:45 PM (Mountain Time)

Place: Executive Director's Office; 11001 E Alameda Ave Aurora, CO 80012

Board Members in attendance:

Mr. Don Knapp, President
Mrs. Nursen Konuk Vice-President
Ms. Joe Peters, Treasurer
Mrs. Angela Velez-Reyes, Secretary
Mrs. Nuran Yilmas

Additional attendees:

Tim Farmer, Attorney
Mr. Bart Skidmore, CPA

Executive Director:

Mr. Michael Hecker

Agenda: Joe asked that the agenda be edited and that Items 5.3 and 5.4 be stricken from this agenda and that a 20-minute conference call amongst board members, concerning these topics, take place Friday, December 20th at 6:15 pm via ZOOM. Mr. Knapp finalized this by adding these items as 6.3 and 6.4 on the revised agenda. (A motion was brought forth by Mr. Peters, to approve the agenda and seconded by Nursen. The Motion was put to a vote and the agenda was adopted)

- ✓ Call to order
- ✓ Pledge of allegiance
- ✓ Public comments: Coach Jackson gave an end of Fall athletics department update (please see attached memo). Coach Jackson has been instrumental in registering the Athletic, Speech/Debate and Choir departments with CHSAA. Secondary Music teacher Mrs. Olivia McGillvary has also



helped in this involvement and has grown her Choir program to include a competitive CHSAA high school Choir. She is hope full to have an auditioning Choir in the years to come. **Mahad Haji received the honors of 1st team all-conference and 1st team all-STATE! He is the first LSE athlete to receive this honor in Soccer. GREAT JOB!!!**

- ✓ LSE board minutes approval: a motion was brought forth by Mrs. Reyes and seconded by Mr. Peters to approve the November, 2019 minutes. The minutes were put to a vote and unanimously approved.
- ✓ Board comments: Mrs. Konuk attended the LSE SAC meeting.
- ✓ LSE Financial Report: Mr. Skidmore covered the Revised Appropriating Resolution 2019/2020 Fund Expenditure Budget. The revised budget reflects an increase in the General Fund / Total Appropriation of \$ 838,354 (see the attached financial memo for more details).
- ✓ Executive Director's Report (see the attached memo for details)
Mr. Hecker's highlights: Mr. Hecker revised The State of Colorado Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) as directed by the Aurora Public Schools recommendations. Mr. Knapp advised that documentation of READ Act Funds and Title Funds be added to the UIP for state compliance. The official student enrolment count is 918!
- ✓ Action Items:
Mrs. Konuk Motioned for the approval of the revised annual budget, Mr. Peters seconded and it was unanimously approved. Mrs. Reyes motioned for the approval of the Parent Climate Survey and Mrs. Yilmas seconded. Mr. Knapp explained how the SAC built the survey. Mrs. Konuk asked for the language of the surveys title to be changed from "parents to families". A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Peters motioned for the approval of the revised LSE Board Calendar Mrs. Yilmas seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- ✓ Discussion Items:
Mrs Kounk gave a report on the revised LSE Strategic Plan and would like to see a "soft skills" component added to the plan. She also asked if LSE had a student career center and a community resource map. The board will continue its discussion of the plan at next month's meeting. Mr. Knapp went over the APS Annual Performance Review of LSE for 2018-2019. The findings were overall positive. He did note that APS's found LSE in



noncompliance with its Gifted and Talented (GT) program and that LSE's Special Education program (SPED) needs to better identify students. Mr. Farmer's Charter School Board Training (see the attached memo for details) covered, best practices when interacting with the school leader and board members responsibility in reporting suspected child abuse. January's board meeting will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:15pm. The Financial meeting is tentatively scheduled for the same day at 5:45pm.

The LSE Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Board President:

Don Knapp

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Board Secretary:

Angela Velez-Reyes

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