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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time

Thursday November 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Location

LSC Administrative Offices
117 North Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150

[Google Map of Meeting Location](#)

This meeting is held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. A copy of the agenda has been made available to the local media & general public.

Mission: Liberty STEAM Charter (LSC) works to provide all students equal access to a world-class K-12 education in an academically rigorous & student-centered learning environment, creating graduates to be thoughtful & engaged citizens prepared to take on the leadership challenges of the 21st century.

Vision: In partnership with our families & the community, Liberty STEAM Charter (LSC) will provide interdisciplinary, real-world, personalized, and project-based learning experiences through a STEAM-based academic program where graduates become the next generation of leaders, employers, and employees who contribute to the economic well-being of their communities and families.

Committee Members Present

Cameron Chandler, Khalil Graham, Rodney Thompson (remote), Trevor Ivey

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Tyler Hamilton

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Trevor Ivey called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Thursday Nov 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

C. Invocation

Mrs. Chandler provided an invocation.

D. Reading of the Mission Statement

Dr. Ivey read aloud the mission statement.

E. Reading of the Vision Statement

Dr. Graham read aloud the vision statement.

F. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Ivey led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

G. Approve Today's Meeting Agenda

Cameron Chandler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

H. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Cameron Chandler made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE on 10-21-21.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.
Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Review of Old Business

No old business was discussed.

B. Review of New Business

• Summary of Key Points

- **Looking at the top 10 Elementary schools in the state and, on average, 10% of kids receive free and reduced lunch**
- **In all of SC, students are below 25% in passing English Language Arts and Math**
- **No charter school in the state is good when looking at the data**
- **Our academic data is showing that we are doing the right thing and we are ahead of other schools so far**
- **Liberty STEAM is the 6th charter school in the country that made GPTW**
- **Optimistic about our data and where we are going**
- **Share the we are a GPTW at the upcoming Board meeting**
- **Utilizing Whetstone Education so the teachers can learn more about their teaching methods**
- **Teachers will do “Get Norming” via KG to understand the things we are supposed to be doing**
- **Pushing teachers with planning and delivery. Coaching teachers throughout the process**
- **Development Committee to go out and close the educational gap**
- **Focus on building people systems which will lead to results and encourage people to stay**
- **Board Retreat in January to really narrow down next steps**

III. Other Business

A. Agenda Items from Committee Members

No agenda items were brought forth for discussion at this time.

IV. Executive Session

A. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters, and Receipt of Legal Advice Including Related to a Pending, Threatening, or Potential Claim

Cameron Chandler made a motion to enter into executive session for purposes of discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters, and Receipt of Legal Advice Including Related to a Pending, Threatening, or Potential Claim at 3:45 pm.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Action Related to Executive Session

A. Action from Executive Session

Cameron Chandler made a motion to return from executive session at 3:55: pm.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Steps

• Final Action Items

- **Cammy Chandler will attend Invitational Tour 11/30**
- **Cammy Chandler will get the contact information for the person at Wells Fargo**
- **KG will follow up about our Giving Tree from 11/16 Invitation Tour attendees to donate**

B. Good of the Order

No committee member commented during this portion of the agenda.

C. Adjourn Meeting

Cameron Chandler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rodney Thompson seconded the motion.

Dr. Thompson provided Mrs. Chandler his proxy vote.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor Ivey