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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time
Thursday September 22, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Location
LSC Administrative Offices
117 North Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150

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

Dexter WJ Davis (remote), Elayne Brunson, Ken Lee

Committee Members Absent
Marion Newton

Ex Officio Members Present
Trevor Ivey

Guests Present
Meagan Kuhlman, Tiffany Rhodes

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Ken Lee called a meeting of the Development Committee Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Thursday Sep 22, 2022 at 12:00 PM.

C. Invocation

Ken Lee provided an invocation.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Trevor Ivey led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Reading of the Mission Statement

Dr. Trevor Ivey read aloud the mission statement.

F. Reading of the Vision Statement

Ken Lee read aloud the vision statement.

G. Approve Agenda

Elayne Brunson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented by the staff.
Ken Lee seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

H. Approve Meeting Minutes

Ken Lee made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE on 08-25-22.
Elayne Brunson seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Development

A. Old Business from Previous Meeting

- Dr. Ivey and Ken Lee reviewed both Pilgrims Pitch and WBEC grants. Both pitches have been sent and we are waiting for further information.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update on all current grant's that have been submitted and/or approved to date using the grant writer.

B. New Business

- Dr. Ivey updated the committee on grants that have been submitted. We have submitted an application for the Synovus Grant and its intended use is for “Project Lead the Way.” There have also been two smaller grants submitted for environmental projects- we will hear back their decision near the end of November.
- Dr. Ivey and the Finance Committee discussed a number of grants that are currently in varies stages of being completed using the new grant portal that was discussed at the August meeting.
- Ms. Brunson brought forth two new grants that will be submitted to the grant writer for next steps.
- The committee was informed that the Tuomey Foundation denied LSC’s grant application because they only give to hospitals or other medical related fields.
- We have applied for the Louder than Words Grant with the intention to use this grants funds for Social Emotional Learning (Fly Five)
- Mr. Thompson is working closely with other industrial leaders here in Sumter to secure relationships and identify their ability to work together for the future of Liberty.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update about the New School Venture Fund
- Dr. Ivey gave an update about financials for this school year as well as the line of credit.
- Dr. Ivey updated the committee members about PAC candidates and the timeline for hiring
- The committee discussed various due dates for grants including a grant from Georgia Pacific being due 10/30
- The UNUM Grant will be submitted to the grant writer as well.
- The committee would like to discuss the “branding” of hallways or areas of the school. They would like to see industrial branding in the school that's based in STEM- Dr. Ivey mentioned the Capital Campaign. Every classroom will ideally be named after an industry.

III. Other Business

A. Agenda Items from Committee Members

- Ken Lee is going to focus on the local industry contacts here in the next two weeks
- The committee has not been able to locate much information regarding the Bloomberg Grants but they are going to continue doing research to find out any more information that is available.
- The Committee will also spend time researching Georgia Pacific and International Paper for other grant opportunities.

IV. Executive Session

A. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters

Ken Lee made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of Discussion of Contractual and Personnel matters.
Elayne Brunson seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Action Related to Executive Session

A. Action from Executive Session

Ken Lee made a motion to return from executive session.
Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Steps

- Ken Lee will follow up with Keith from Pilgrims Pride regarding the grant pitch next week.
- Ken Lee will cold call the other 23 plants/organizations about grants, women in the workforce, and STEM teaching (over the next 2 weeks) and report back to the committee with any next steps.
- Dr. Ivey will submit information for two grants that Ms. Brunson brought to the table using the grant writer portal.

B. Good of the Order

No board members commented during this portion of the agenda.

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Lee