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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time
Wednesday November 30, 2022 at 3:00 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

Cameron Chandler, Jenny Knopf, Trevor Ivey

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
Tiffany Rhodes

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jenny Knopf called a meeting of the Academic Committee Committee of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Wednesday Nov 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

C. Invocation

Cameron Chandler provided an invocation.

D. Reading of the Mission Statement

Cammy Chandler read aloud the mission statement.

E. Reading of the Vision Statement

Dr. Ivey read aloud the vision statement.

F. Pledge of Allegiance

Jenny Knopf led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

G. Approve Today's Meeting Agenda

Jenny Knopf made a motion to approve the agenda as presented by the staff.
Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

H. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Cameron Chandler made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE on 10-20-22.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A.

Review of Old Business

- The Committee reviewed the latest Possip report. The rankings and participation continue to go up.
- Dr. Ivey provided an update regarding scholars in the Special Education program and changes in staffing in that classroom.
- Dr. Ivey gave the committee an update on the Parent Teacher Organization and the upcoming events being held at the school.
- Ms. Knopf gave an update on the calendar planning committee process.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update on the recent school of excellence visits including York Prep and the upcoming visit to High Pointe Academy.

B. Review of New Business

- The Academic Committee discussed the creation of the Uniform Task Force and forecasted what the needs would be for the first meeting and the vision of this task force. It would be ideal to have parents and one teacher on this task force and for all decisions to be made by March so that the focus can be moved to the Preschool Task Force.
- The Committee will start laying the groundwork for the Preschool Task Force. This group of parents and teachers will visit local schools to learn the pros and cons of their systems. 4. Update on SY 23-24 Scholar Enrollment 5. 4-K Task Force.
- Dr. Ivey will meet with the grant administrator this week to collect information regarding the grant that could help fund a SRO for the Liberty Campus.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update regarding the security gate on campus and the plans to begin using it on 12/16.
- Dr. Ivey provided an update on staffing and upcoming hiring events and changes that are anticipated at the Academy. Committee members brainstormed about changes that are coming and how they may affect the culture at the school.
- Dr. Ivey updated the committee about the need for a Succession Plan and laid the introduction to who will be helping Liberty create a Succession Plan.
- Dr. Ivey provided an update on the salary scale moving into the hiring season for the Elementary campus.

III. Executive Session

A. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters

Jenny Knopf made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters.
Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Purposes of Discussion for Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements,

Cameron Chandler made a motion to to enter into executive session for the purposes of Discussion for Negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Action Related to Executive Session

A. Action from Executive Session

Cameron Chandler made a motion to return from executive session.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Next Steps

- Final Action Items
  - Dr. Ivey will reconfigure the stipend amount for all staff members for teachers with a Master degrees and Bachelor degrees. What is the most advantageous stipend for Masters that benefits them for the 20 days rate?
  - Ms. Knoph will work with Ms. Hardy to set up the Uniform Task Force and attend the first meeting next week. They will begin creating the groundwork for the task work at the first meeting.
  - Ms. Knopf will start meeting with the Preschool Task Force to start the planning process moving into the 24-25 school year.
- Board Recommendations
  - None at this time.

B. Good of the Order

There was no discussion 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 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Rhodes