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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time
Thursday May 18, 2023 at 1:00 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
Dixie DuRant, 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 Thursday May 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM.
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C. Invocation

Ms. Chandler provided an invocation.
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D. Reading of the Mission Statement

Ms. Chandler led the group in reading the Mission Statement.

E. Reading of the Vision Statement

Dr. Ivey led the group in reciting the Vision Statement.

F. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. 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 presented by 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 04-26-23.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Review of Old Business

- The committee members reviewed this month's Possip results from staff members and parents.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update on Site II and the draft budget for the 23-24 school year.

B. Review of New Business

- Dr. Ivey and the Academic Committee reviewed the Scholar Code of Conduct. They reviewed the feedback that was received from parents and staff members.
- Dr. Ivey shared a hiring update for the EAC and PAC. We are currently searching for one teaching fellow and one PE teacher. He also shared with the committee members about our new foreign language teacher that will be joining the team.
- The Academic Committee reviewed the proposed demographics for the 23-24 school year, there is a 4% increase in our minority count.
- The committee discussed the MAP scores and the EL task force. The members are encouraged by the steps being taken by the teachers and leadership.

III. Other Business

A. Presentation from Academy Leadership: EL Taskforce

- Dr. Ivey shared updates from the EL Task Force. This task force has met two times to date. The Academic Committee members have been invited to the next meeting that is taking place on 5/24.

B. Presentation from Managing Director of Operations: Attendance Taskforce

- Ms. Hardy gave an update from the Attendance Task Force. The Academic Committee reviewed the documents presented by Ms. Hardy. The Committee discussed the proposal.

IV. Executive Session

A. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters

Jenny Knopf made a motion to enter into executive session for the 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 enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion for negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously 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.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Steps

Final Action Items

- Dr. Ivey will invite the Academy Leaders to the June Academic Meeting to share out final decisions about the EL Curriculum.
- Dr. Ivey will make the changes to the Scholar Code of Conduct before the meeting taking place on 6/5.
- Dr. Ivey will send a calendar invite for 6/5 to the Academy Leaders, Academic Counselors, PTO, and Mr. Davis to meet and discuss the revised Scholar Code of Conduct.
- Dr. Ivey will set up a meeting with Pastor Whitt.

Board Recommendations

- The Academic Committee will make the recommendation to adopt the one pager presented by the Attendance Task Force.
- The Academic Committee will make the recommendation to adopt the Student Grievance Policy as presented.
- The Academic Committee will make the recommendation to adopt the Student Expulsion Policy as presented.

B. Good of the Order

- Dr. Ivey reminded the committee members about the Board Meeting that is scheduled for Monday, the 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Rhodes