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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time
Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM

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 (remote), Trevor Ivey

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
Gifford Shaw, 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 Tuesday Jun 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

C. Invocation

Ms. Chandler provided an invocation.

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 as presented.
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 COMMITTEE on 05-18-23.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A.

Review of Old Business

- Dr. Ivey gave the committee members a copy of the GPTW Satisfaction Survey results.
- The committee reviewed the current demographics of the incoming new scholars for the 23-24 school year.

B. Review of New Business

- Dr. Ivey gave the Academic Committee an update about the current work being done to update the annual report. Mr. Shaw brought the committee up to date on the work he's done with Ms. Caroline DuRant. She is an individual that is working with the Quixote Foundation on branding and development in the hopes to raise awareness and funds of the Charter School.
- Mr. Shaw provided the committee members with an update on the pre-k program. There are several financial concerns regarding the current plan. Mr. Shaw has engaged in several conversations with individuals about their thoughts regarding the current timeline and how we will need to move forward to meet that timeline that is stated in LSC's Charter App.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update on the hiring process for the SY 23-24. We are fully staffed for the Elementary Campus and currently looking for one P.E. teacher at the Primary Academy Campus.
- Dr. Ivey gave an update on Site II and the most recent awarding of CEP for the coming 23-24 school year.
- The Academic Committee reviewed the updates to the Employment Handbook regarding the leave policy.
- Dr. Ivey provided the committee members with data from the EOY SEL testing.

III. Other Business

A. Updates from EL Taskforce

- The committee reviewed the most current data from the EL Taskforce from Dr. Ivey.

IV. Executive Session

A. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters

Cameron Chandler made a motion to enter into executive session for the discussion of contractual and personnel matters.
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 asked the Academic Committee to review the Annual Report and bring forth any recommendations regarding the report.
- Ms. Rhodes will provide an updated demographic report for the board meeting taking place on June 26th.
- Dr. Ivey will provide an updated copy to Ms. Chandler so that she can do a final reading of the Code of Conduct.
- Dr. Ivey will set up a meeting with Ms. Knopf and Ms. Pack to research different options to be more inclusive with our special education scholars.

Board Recommendations

- The Academic Committee engaged in a robust discussion around the current pre-k expansion plan and raised several financial concerns and would recommend that this go before the full board June’s meeting.
- The Academic Committee made the recommendation to require parents to attend Saturday School with their scholars.

B. Good of the Order

- Dr. Ivey reminded the committee members of the upcoming board meeting that is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 26th 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 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Rhodes