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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING

AGENDA OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time
Monday September 30, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location
LSC Primary Academy
15 School 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.

Directors Present
Cameron Chandler, Elayne Brunson, Greg Thompson, Heather Bass, Jenny Knopf, Kimberly Rauschenbach, Marion Newton

Directors Absent
(Tajma) LaShea Davis, Rodney Thompson

Ex Officio Members Present
Trevor Ivey

Guests Present

Tiffany Rhodes

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Greg Thompson called a meeting of the board of directors of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Monday Sep 30, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

B. Invocation

Dr. Rev. Newton provided the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Scholars

The Primary Academy Scholar Ambassadors led the Board of Directors in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Mr. Thompson welcomed all members of the audience to the board meeting. He made mention of the recent ground breaking that took place for the Junior Academy and the excitement that is felt throughout the Community.

II. Reading of the Mission & Vision Statement

A. LSC Mission Statement

Ms. Rauschenbach read aloud the LSC Mission Statement.

B. LSC Vision Statement

Ms. Knopf read aloud the LSC Vision Statement.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Today's Meeting Agenda

Jenny Knopf made a motion to Approve Today's Meeting Agenda as Presented by Staff.
Kimberly Rauschenbach seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (August 26, 2024)

Jenny Knopf made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING on 08-26-24.
Kimberly Rauschenbach seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Board Recognition

A. Staff Recognition

Ms. Harris recognized the August lead teacher, teaching fellow, and support staff member of the month from the Elementary Academy and Mr. Montgomery recognized the staff members from the Primary Academy.

B. Community Partner Recognition

During this time, Dr. Ivey recognized BJ Reed from the City of Sumter for her recent collaboration with the PTO. With the City of Sumter's help, we welcomed scholars and their families to the Aquatics Center for a free Sunday block party-type party.

Dr. Ivey also recognized Ms. Julie Jeffcoat for her drive and dedication in participating in the Optimist Club's Burger Cookoff where Liberty won the judge's pick for top burger. The Liberty Bleu will be featured on J. O'Grady's menu for the next year.

Lastly, the newly elected PTO members were sworn in.

V. Scholar Showcase

A. Scholar Performances

This month's performance was led by Ms. Reyes and Majestra. The scholar's performed a number of poems and songs in ASL and Spanish.

VI. Public Participation

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None at this time.

VII. Executive Director's Report

A. Updates from the Executive Director

Dr. Ivey gave his Executive Director Monthly Updates for September. He has 38/42 of his monthly tasks completed or on track to be completed before the month's end.

Major accomplishments for September

- YASS grant, launching CLI TF PD, ADA & meal participation, CSGF Visit, and the Chicago School visit

October's Priorities

- STEAM Day Part 2, SY 25-26 Enrollment, LDP Final Alignment, and Fall Talent Review

VIII. Division Presentations

A. BOY SEL Data & Culture Interventions at a Glance

Ms. Middleton gave an update on the SEL data and intervention groups at each campus. The board members were presented with different data regarding these programs. Every morning from 8-8:30, SEL is being taught at both campuses'. Some teachers in attendance also shared testimonies regarding the recent findings from these data deep dives and how they have helped to tailor their lessons individually to meet the scholars where they are.

B. Track it Forward- Parent Volunteer Update

Ms. Chambers, the FACE Director gave an update on the newest application being used to track parent volunteer hours. She is committed to getting 100% of families to complete their 10 required hours for the first time in the LSC's existence. She was able to share some data from the first 3 months of opportunities that were offered for trackable hours. There will be more to come at a later board meeting regarding her findings.

C. HMH Curriculum Implementation Update

Last month, LSC sent a group of eight teachers to Laurens Elementary School for an HMH hands-on learning day. This school has been using the curriculum for the past three years and both schools were able to share information. This visit was extremely beneficial to our teachers in helping boost their confidence and better understanding on the brand-new curriculum.

D. 2nd Annual STEAM Workforce Development Day

Ms. Heather Bass gave an update from the pre-connect STEAM Day that took place the last week of September. All community members were welcomed to the school to meet the teachers and scholars that they would be working with. It was extremely successful to have this pre-connect as a way to establish more of a relationship with the partners before hand.

IX. Board Committee Updates

A. Executive Committee

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the construction phase for the Junior Academy. They are finishing up the renderings in the coming days and hope to begin construction in about 2-3 weeks!

B.

Governance Committee

Ms. Chandler gave an update regarding a vacant seat on the Quixote Foundation Board left by Mr. Dexter Davis. The Governance Board has unanimously appointed Mrs. LaShea Davis to fill that seat.

C. Finance Committee

Mr. Shaw gave an update from the Finance Committee in Dr. Thompson's absence. He shared the September financial report and shared with the board where all current accounts stand. Mr. Shaw and the rest of the finance team are working diligently to create a 10-year budget for the future of LSC. With the coming of a new campus, comes new line items in the budget and the team are working to get on expenses into the budget so they can be best prepared moving forward.

D. Academic Excellence Committee

Ms. Knopf shared about the recent presentations that the Academic Committee has received on the newest HMH curriculum along with the current Gifted and Talented program at both campuses. The Academic Committee is extremely invested in the new curriculum and has offered to help in any way needed.

She also shared the latest Possip data, 98-99% satisfaction at the Primary Academy and 99% satisfaction at the Elementary Academy!

E. Development Committee

Ms. Bass used this time to give the STEAM Workforce Development Day updates.

X. Executive Session

A. Purposes of Discussion of Personnel Matters

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to Enter into Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussion of Personnel Matters at 7:02 p.m.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to Enter into Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements at 7:02 p.m.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

XI. Action Items

A. Return from Executive Session

Cameron Chandler made a motion to Return from Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.
Heather Bass seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Item (s) Related to Discussion of Personnel Matters

Cameron Chandler made a motion to Approve the Executive Director's Personnel Report.
Marion Newton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Item (s) Related to Purposes of Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements

No matters to be voted on during this time.

XII. Closing Items

A. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Mr. Chairman thanked everyone for their time.

B. Good of the Order

None at this time.

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Rhodes