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Liberty STEAM Charter

Minutes

LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING

AGENDA FOR A MEETING TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL FALL ENROLLMENT LOTTERY

Date and Time

Monday December 2, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

Liberty STEAM Charter School- 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

(Tajma) LaShea Davis, Cameron Chandler, Elayne Brunson, Greg Thompson, Heather Bass, Jenny Knopf, Kimberly Rauschenbach, Marion Newton, Rodney Thompson

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

Trevor Ivey

Non Voting 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 Dec 2, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

B. Invocation

Dr. Rev. Newton provided an invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Knopf led the Primary Academy Eagle Ambassadors in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Chairman's Opening Remarks

During this time, Mr. Chairman, Greg Thompson welcomed all in attendance to the meeting and briefly shared about their recent trip to Denver for the final step in the Charter School Growth Fund Application. We are now awaiting the word from their Board. They will be meeting later this month to make a final decision.

II. Reading of the Mission & Vision Statement

A. LSC Mission Statement

Ms. Davis read aloud the LSC Mission Statement.

B. LSC Vision Statement

Ms. Brunson read aloud the LSC Vision Statement.

III. Approval of Today's Meeting Agenda

A. Approval of the Today's Board Meeting Agenda

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to approve the agenda as presented by staff. Cameron Chandler seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (October 28, 2024)

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING on 10-28-24.

Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Board Recognition

A. Staff of the Month

During this time, the Primary Academy Director, Mr. Montgomery recognized the staff members that their peers have selected for October and November.

- Erin Webb, Kailyn Vicente, Arlene McCloud, Jimena Paucar, Jessica Eberly, and Russell Whitaker.

His recognition was followed by Mrs. Harris acknowledging her staff members at the Elementary Academy for October and November.

- Allena Thompson, Alicia Timmons, Robbie Derk, Kendall Jones, Ivie Pea, and Stephanie Hickmon.

V. Public Participation

A. Public Participation

We did not have any participants signed up to speak during this time.

VI. Executive Director's Updates

A. Rally Cry & Org-Wide Updates on Progress towards Goals

Dr. Ivey gave an update on the Executive Director's Report. There are 2 tasks that are currently off-track including LDP and Quarter 2 Off-Site Planning. He also reported his greatest successes of the month as well as the greatest concerns and challenges.

The Rally Cry Score Card from the past month shows all green except for Operational Excellence, we have been working diligently to fill vacant seats.

Dr. Ivey also gave a brief update from Academic Committee to show discipline referrals and culture updates from each campus.

VII. Board Committee Updates

A. Committee Updates

Executive Committee

- Mr. Thompson gave his committee update from the Executive Committee during his opening remarks earlier in the meeting regarding CSGF.
- Approval of the Executive Director's Personnel Report (VOTE)

Finance Committee

- Mr. Shaw gave an update regarding the budget. After closing the month of October, we are currently on budget with more than thirty days of cash on hand.

Development Committee

- Ms. Bass gave an update regarding further partnerships with our STEAM Day participants. One of the companies offered a guaranteed interview to the Eagle Ambassadors that participated in STEAM Day when they graduate from Liberty STEAM Charter School.
- Dr. Ivey kicked off the 5th Annual Eagle Giving Tree. These funds will be used to help with the Liberty Difference with our new 144 scholars.

Governance Committee

- Ms. Chandler discussed the Revised Scholar Enrollment Policy. This is the 3rd Reading of this policy and shows all suggested revisions. (VOTE)

Academic Committee

- Ms. Knopf gave an update from the Calendar Planning Committee. There were three options that were proposed, discussed, and voted on by all stakeholders. (VOTE)

Cameron Chandler made a motion to Approve the Executive Director's Personnel Report as presented.

Marion Newton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Cameron Chandler made a motion to Approve the Revised Scholar Enrollment Policy as presented by Staff.

Marion Newton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Jenny Knopf made a motion to Adopt the calendar labeled option #3 for the next two years. SY 2025-26 and SY 2026-27.

Elayne Brunson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Fall Enrollment Lottery

A. Remarks from the Board Chairman

B. Overview of the Lottery Procedures

Dr. Ivey shared the Overview of the Lottery Procedures.

C. Administration of the Lottery

Dr. Ivey introduced the three special "Lottery Clickers." These three individuals attended the original Liberty Street Elementary School back in 1949. These three individuals attended grades 1-6 at the original school. Tommy, Lidia, and Rose were invited to help Mrs. Rhodes with the Lottery.

Dr. Ivey shared different data points about the applicants that were entered into the Lottery. 7 states in total to show the military connection, with more than 1,000 applicants in total for grades K-5.

D. Next Steps

Mrs. Rhodes and the special "Lottery Clickers" went through the process of running the lottery. We ran lotteries from Kindergarten through fifth grade and verified each of the accounts/applications that were submitted.

Once the verification process was complete and we certified the lotteries, Dr. Ivey went over the enrollment process and reminded all applicants of the timeline.

IX. Closing Items

A. Good of the Order

None at this time.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Thompson