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Learn4Life South Carolina

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday September 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Location

In Person: 6209 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406

Virtual via Microsoft Teams: <https://llac.io/CHSBoard>

Meeting ID: 269 220 213 966

Passcode: o5sAEk

Directors Present

C. Zaloumis (remote), D. Luginbill, M. Roberts (remote), R. Thaler (remote), S. Cooper (remote), T. Senf (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Holmes, A. Miller (remote), A. Peterson (remote), D. Petropulos, David Konis (remote), H. Ruiz (remote), Jeannette Cook (remote), Kim Lane (remote), Lori Witt (remote), M. VanKirk (remote), Michelle Martinez (remote), Michelle VanKirk (remote), Nadar Ali II (remote), R. Reyes (remote), T. Brown, V. Chase (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Luginbill called a meeting of the board of directors of Learn4Life South Carolina to order on Tuesday Sep 17, 2024 at 5:03 PM.

B. Swearing in of Board Members

Ms. Peterson swore in Mr. Luginbill, Mr. Thaler, and Mr. Roberts for their new terms.

C. Record Board Member Attendance

D. Introduction of In Person and Virtual Guests

E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

C. Zaloumis made a motion to approve the agenda for September 17, 2024, for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life High School-Charleston.

M. Roberts seconded the motion.

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

III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

A. Prior Meeting Minutes

R. Thaler made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 08-20-24.

D. Luginbill seconded the motion.

After a brief discussion, action was taken to approve the minutes for August 20, 2024, for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life High School-Charleston.

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

IV. Reports

A. Finance

Ms. Lane shared on the financial dashboard as of August 31, 2024, including the balance sheet, budget to actuals, and statements of revenue and expenditures.

B. School Leader

Dr. Brown thanked the board members for their service to the school.

Dr. Brown explained that the school is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with various activities including community speakers, cultural meals, and traditional dance presentations.

Dr. Brown also shared the school is providing mental health counseling, supporting teen parents, and offering extracurricular activities like open gyms and boxing.

Dr. Brown mentioned professional development is scheduled for the entire year with a focus on instructional strategies, trauma resilience, and safety training. She also mentioned she is working with Ms. Deborah Beihan to schedule professional development.

Dr. Brown shared on enrollment is at 158, with ongoing processing of new applications and some students dropped after 10 days. She also shared on the demographics for the student population. Lastly, she shared the school is fully staffed, and an ESOL teacher was interviewed recently.

C. Management Organization

Mr. David Konis shared on the principal evaluation process that involves board-selected designees, a self-evaluation by Dr. Brown, and data compiled by People Services. The evaluation process will follow the same steps as last year, starting this week.

Ms. Michelle Martinez shared on LIGA, the Latino Initiative for Growth and Advocacy, is an Employee and Staff Resource Group (ERG) aimed at promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, particularly celebrating National Hispanic Latino Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th.

Ms. Michelle VanKirk shared on the Grad4Life survey is a 23-question survey for soon-to-be graduates to share their future plans and the impact of staff on them, ideally taken within the last month before graduation.

Mr. Holmes shared on Board member bios need updating, especially for three newly reinitiated members, with assistance available for writing and photography. He also mentioned Board members are encouraged to update their bios and can receive help from the PR team.

D. Legal Update

Ms. Peterson shared that there was no legal update at this time. She did mention a legislative update that a recent ruling eliminated the private school choice part of the program affecting 800 to 1,000 students who may lose their scholarships. Efforts are underway to assist affected students, and the ruling may indirectly impact charter school issues.

V. New Business

A. MLP policies and procedures (updated)

R. Thaler made a motion to approve the updated MLP Policies and Procedures.

C. Zaloumis seconded the motion.

Dr. Brown briefly explained the updated MLP policies and procedures.

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

VI. Officer and Directors Comments

A.

Open Discussion

Mr. Luginbill mentioned that some seniors may be 18 years old and eligible to vote, with the registration deadline 30 days before the general election in South Carolina.

VII. Closing Items

A. Next Board Meeting

October 15, 2024, at 5:00p ET

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Holmes