

Lake Eola Charter School

Board of Directors

Minutes

February 16, 2011

Members Present: Jeff Bush, Jordan Clark, Pete Clarke, Jim Craner, Ronnie DeNoia, Deanna Guiseppi, Mary McCormick

Absent: none

Visitors: Ed Langdon

Meeting commenced: 5:37 p.m. & adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Motion to approve January 2011 minutes was unanimous.

Motion to approve January 2011 financials was unanimous.

Old Business:

Building: The roof flashing is complete. A confirmation of roof warranty status is being confirmed.

Strategic Planning: The final strategic planning draft was presented to the board. Plan reviewed and discussion held. M. McCormick moved to approve the updated strategic plan. D. Guiseppi seconded. Vote unanimous.

Fundraising: The fundraising committee reported that they have met and further debriefed the EolaWeen event. It has been concluded that in order to go forward with this fundraising event, a corporate sponsor is needed. Improvement items such as utilizing a larger area of the park, moving the LECS booth to a central location, hosting a chalk fest, etc. were discussed. The possibility of partnering with UCP and targeting other corporate sponsorships was also pondered. A sponsorship package is being created to assist with attaining such needed sponsors.

Board Training: It was reported that 100% of board training is complete.

Meeting Schedule: The meeting schedule will be addressed in the upcoming by-law review. Meeting schedule of other charter schools in our area were shared for information.

By-Laws: A by-law committee was created with J. Craner, J. Bush and R. DeNoia serving for this round of the by-laws revision process.

New Business:

Financials: E. Langdon reported it was a good month for income/expense lines. FEFP is \$5,000 over budget but several items were reported below budget. Net income was \$15, 254, a positive variance, with favorable year-to-date amounts. A discussion was held regarding the need to adjust the budget since rent has decreased and there has been a slight decrease in the teacher salary line due to a less experienced teacher salary. Capital expenditure numbers were sent to Regions for Capital Outlay projects. (\$300,000)

Faculty Report: M. McCormick reported the Feb. 14th was the Orange County Science Fair. Katie Kaufman was there taking black and white portraits. Thursday is noon dismissal for the re-dedication ceremony of the school. March 4, K-5 will see a program on the Didgeridoo. Ms. Hahn's class collected for Compassion Corner. They will shop for needed items and deliver them. Feb. 25 is report card day and a field trip to Medieval Times. Cluster 3 is going to see A Midsummer Night's Dream and Romeo & Juliet to compare and contrast. The Arts Fund is covering a grant to fund a program on how to perform Shakespeare. The Service Club collected \$102.71 for the American Heart Association. 2nd grade has their Bear Presentations on Feb. 17 at 10:00 a.m. On April 8, grades 6,7,8 are going to Medieval Times. FCAT Writing is March 1st. The students will participate in an Arts Program that is a 3 week session, ending with pottery. A discussion was held regarding keeping a running tally of goods donated, money donated and service hours on behalf of LECS.

Director's Report:

- Foundation \$ 44, 561.98
- The Foundation Board is working on scheduling a repayment goal for the building.
- The Award's dinner for the Science Fair is February 17th.
- SACS Accreditation: 2 sub-groups have fulfilled their SACS obligations. The school is on-schedule for the accreditation process.
- Parent surveys will be going home to assess school satisfaction as done so annually through the School Advisory Council. Results will be

tabulated and shared in the near future. There was a suggestion to add a parent component to the Parent Questionnaire.

- FCAT Writing: March 1st. 2 security breaches state-wide to date. Publisher (Pearson) error.
- This is the first year the children will be taking FCAT after Spring Break (Reading, Math Science portions).
- Building: a state-mandated asbestos survey requirement is being followed through upon. The inspection, report and follow up will take place every 6 months for 3 years. The HVAC system is being worked on first (capital outlay).
- March 1: LECS lottery. There are 2 current enrollment projected openings for over 700+ applicants. All current students express desire to return to date with the exception of 1 due to inability to fulfill required volunteer hours. The idea of mentor families was discussed for new enrollees.
- Partnerships: Sea Coast credit union donated money towards the Arts Program.
- Grandparent event is coming up.