

**Lake Eola Charter School  
Board of Directors  
Minutes  
For April 20, 2016**

**Members Present:** Jim Craner, Jeff Bush, Ryan Santurri, Alex Eng, Sherri Dixon, Joan Roxbury, Victoria Shade, Ronnie DeNoia

**Absent:** none

**Visitors:** Ed Langdon, Sharon Morell

Meeting commenced at 5:35 p.m. & adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Motion to approve February 2016 Minutes was unanimous.

Motion to approve February 2016 Confidential Minutes was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

Strategic Plan & School Improvement Plan: J.Craner said he asked J.Roxbury to ask for a teacher to serve on the Strategic Plan committee & J.Roxbury responded that she has asked 2 times for takers to work on the Plan without anyone agreeing. She said that she would be the teacher for both Plans if necessary. J.Craner said the committees could look over independently the old Plans & then get together for changes, etc., to present at the next meeting. R.DeNoia said that she could give S.Dixon a survey for the School Improvement Plan, but they are different types of documents. R.DeNoia said there was a survey done for all but 14/15 due to OCPS processing issues. S.Dixon said she will start with 15/16 benchmarks & reach out to Greg Mellowe (SAC Chair) to maybe also serve. Discussion held. J.Craner said he will check on the perimeters for committee meetings vs Sunshine & get back to everyone. J.Craner, A.Eng, J.Bush, V.Shade, & J.Roxbury agreed to serve on the Strategic Plan Committee. S.Dixon, R.Santurri, & S.Morell agreed to serve on the School Improvement Committee, with J.Roxbury in reserve if no other teacher agrees.

Contract: Held in closed session.

**New Business:**

Financials: Ed Langdon reported the accounts are in good shape & showing a net income for the month of approximately \$16,000 & a year to date amount of \$104,000. The capital account is showing over budget due to the purchase of a new copy machine. He said that he will be working with S.Morell next month on the annual budget revision to present at the June meeting. R.Santurri motioned to approve the March 2016 financials (inclusive of February). S.Dixon seconded. Vote unanimous.

Teacher's Report: J.Roxbury said field trips are ongoing with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade going to City Hall & the mayor's office, a mock trial at the county courthouse, a history driven guided walk tour around downtown & a trip to the History Center. Cl#1 enjoyed a performance by Tales Two Tell & Mr. Richard. All Clusters are preparing for Portfolio Day & Cl#3 L.Arts & Cl#2 Science/SS will be sending out a survey on the Gradeless/Narrative Pilot Program/Report Cards in the next few weeks. R.DeNoia stated that Jillian Friedman & J.Roxbury have done a great job with the program & have done lots of research in preparation of SAC approval. She said you can access the student work in Google Cloud, click on reading logs, have discussion boards, view their portfolios, etc. A.Eng asked how much more work does it entail & J.Roxbury responded that it is a lot, but hard to answer because

it is a different learning of technology initially for the teacher & student to move from paper to digital. However, it does require multiple days for writing a narrative/paper for each student. J.Roxbury reported that the CI#2 & #3 Oration competition went well & CI#2 is participating in the Great Mail Race & loving it & also getting a good response back. Battle of the Books & Odyssey of the Mind also went well & CI#3 is gearing up for their Shakespeare workshop/presentation of *The Tempest*.

Director's Report:

- Foundation – \$56,445 currently
- Testing – next Tuesday is finally the end of FSA with only Algebra & Civics remaining in May. Roughly 4% of population opted out creating 2 concerns. One is that the level here is different than at OCPS, flawed measures do give data & we do not retain or promote based on testing. Even in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade we will use a portfolio to promote if necessary. Two is that some opt out students are struggling students that will still be retained if necessary regardless of not taking the test. Parents think it makes a difference, but it doesn't change those decisions. Testing is not getting better as far as glitches, this year worse than last & only newer families opting out.
- Silent Auction – Red Soiree was last Saturday & the Auction committee did an awesome job. Happy to see new parents, 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents, & former parents like S.Dixon & DeVonna Craner there & helping out. J.Bush mentioned maybe there should be an acknowledgement publically of those people & R.DeNoia said yes, she sent an email out to all parents. J.Craner said that he could not actively solicit people to come to the party, but mentioned that he had some interesting conversations with parents at the party as to why they were there as well as with a teacher that agreed with him that they wished more Board members were there & also, that Board members would be welcome to come to the school/classrooms. He said that he would pass on that information. Discussion held.

New Partnership: R.DeNoia reported that one day Mrs. Thompson (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher) walked a different way to the Pottery Studio for art that took the class past the UCF building. This resulted in Mrs. Thompson & R.DeNoia meeting with UCF personnel & a partnership emerged between LECS & UCF. They are providing 10 free spots for LECS students to attend their Turtle Camp this summer & some art classes for next year will be provided at no cost. UCF personnel indicated that they would like to work with our students after seeing them & R.DeNoia said that she also reached out to them concerning a possible Board position.

