

LECS SAC Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008, 6:00-7:20
School Library

Agenda:

Minutes
Director's report
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1. Uniforms

Members Present: Sharon Morell, Jillian Friedman, John Mays, Ronnie DeNoia, Carol Dierksen, DeVonna Craner, Greg Mellowe, and Carrin Hahn
Minutes Recorded By: Carrin Hahn

Sharon Morell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The minutes from August were read and approved as they were written.

LECS Director's Report, reported by Ronnie DeNoia

Building:

- The Foundation has reached \$91, 389.19.
- Preliminary approval has been given for the agreement for building space between the Downtown Baptist Church and Lake Eola Charter School. The general feeling is that the discussions and plans will move forward. Ronnie should have something formal for the next Board meeting, which is next week. Apparently, the congregation knows and approves of the plans since the plans do not have to be presented specifically to the congregation. When Greg asked if there were any sticky points in the negotiations, Ronnie said no. She did say that they have made some changes to the plans for the building space (the school would not use as much of the ground floor) since the congregation would still like to use some of that space.
- Ronnie said that until she has a signed agreement, she is still looking at other sites. The other sites include the Beardall Center and the UCF property on Pine Street. Ronnie said the UCF property is beautiful, and it is only used at night for MBA programs and other evening classes.

Academics

- Ronnie thanked Sharon for ensuring that the classes here are fully enrolled.
- On September 10, 2nd and 3rd grades are going to Safety Village. That day is also Picture Day.
- On September 11, there will be a brief school-wide ceremony commemorating the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Steve Hughes is leading a project in which the students can send cards to service people overseas.

Miscellaneous

- Ronnie reported that on August 30, she and five Board members went before the

Charter Review Committee for an interview about the high school.

- Last Tuesday, Ronnie made a presentation before the School Board about the proposed high school. There were five charter schools applying for approval that night. She said that many people said good things about LECS.
- Back to School Night is September 18. Parents will receive the volunteer manuals and this year's directory.
- Ronnie started this conversation by begging for money for a document camera or for a donation towards the camera. Mrs. Stucker, Ms. Friedman, and Mrs. Hahn are interested in the camera to use during Writers' Workshop; it would also have uses in the science classes. The camera allows someone to put an opaque object on it, and the class could read what it says once the image is projected by the LCD projector. There was some discussion about where we might be able to find one or what kind of companies could donate one. Greg brought up the possibility of using a scanner and an LCD projector to show the pieces of writing, and then Jillian and Carrin said they would talk to Mrs. Stucker about the possibilities of using equipment the school already has. Ronnie says she thinks it would be a great tool to have, and she even considered asking for \$2 from everyone in 3rd-8th grade to cover some of the cost, but it is not a good time to be asking people for a little more money!

Committee Reports

Technology Committee, reported by John Mays

- John had nothing to report. He did ask about the computers in the hallway, and it was agreed that an electrician would need to do wiring to get just power to the word-processing only computers and printers.
- He also asked about the security camera and TV in the office. Ronnie and Sharon said they can live with what is there because they aren't willing to repair or replace things that they cannot take with them to the new building.

Curriculum Committee, reported by Greg Mellowe and Jillian Friedman

- Greg and Jillian said they had nothing to report. They said there were no issues from the teachers, and they weren't working on any other issues either.
- Greg asked about middle school math, and Ronnie said that Joe worked hard over the summer to get report cards to be compatible with high school requirements. He also did lots of planning, and everything seems to be going well with the new classes. Ronnie reminded everyone that the math classes may change from year to year.

After School Committee, reported by Carol Dierksen

- Carol said that KidStage (now the Drama Club) will start next week. All of the other clubs started the week after Labor Day. Soccer club was intended for K-4, but with only 10 students signed up, they opened the club to all of the students.
- Sharon brought up that she and Carol should sit down to work through some of the problems that occurred about sign-ups and club membership. Since there will be Meet and Greet again next year, the club sign up can take place then.
- There was some discussion about the caps on the number of club members and about the use of the LECS logo on some clubs (it cannot happen!)

Business Partners Committee, reported by DeVonna Craner

- DeVonna said that she had a phone call from a man named Kurt Thomas who said that his personal check for \$50 has not cleared the banks yet (as of July). Sharon is going to check into that situation.
- DeVonna is going to pick up a check for \$300 to cover the volunteer manual covers.

- She is also working on getting someone to pay for the expensive gray report card paper. Sharon said the best place to purchase the paper is at X-Ped-X on Colonial Drive.
- DeVonna also said she met an author at the Green Fair in New Smyrna Beach, and she is trying to find someone to donate the \$500 to cover the cost so that he could come talk to the students in K-5.
- Jillian asked DeVonna to try to get \$125 to cover the cost of the Shakespeare Alive! Group that comes in to help the students before they go see the Shakespeare plays.

Fundraising Committee, reported by Ronnie DeNoia

- Ronnie said that she is working on the online auction idea. She and Sharon have set aside some time next week to work together on the idea. Ronnie said she is still looking for someone to run the online auction.
- DeVonna asked about the sales for the Sally Foster items and how well the campaign is going. There was some discussion about it and how it seems that the students aren't selling very much; this led to some concern about the Silent Auction. Ronnie said that is why the Silent Auction will start online and culminate in an event this year as it transitions to an online event.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Ronnie said that Ronna at Dennis Uniforms told her that the plaid shorts are not selling well, and they will be discontinued. Ronnie asked SAC members if they would like to approve a plaid skort to replace the shorts. There was some discussion about the skorts and who might wear them. Before a vote was taken, Greg expressed concern that if the new skorts were all the rage but cost \$48 or so, what about the girls whose families couldn't afford the skorts? SAC members decided after more discussion that the skorts won't be so "hot" that everyone wants one. Students can still wear the plaid shorts. DeVonna made a motion to add plaid skorts as an option to the school uniforms. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Greg said that he thought Ronnie's 8th Day of School Report, 12th Day of School Report, etc. were great! Ronnie said she has gotten lots of feedback to them.
- Greg made a motion to keep Carrin Hahn on as the Secretary of SAC. The motion was approved.
- Ronnie brought up the possibility of a 4-day week. She would like SAC members to think about it for later discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2008, in the school library.