

LECS SAC Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2009, 6:00-7:25
School Library

Agenda:

Call to Order
Minutes
Director's report
Committee reports
Old Business
New Business
09/10 School Calendar

Members Present: Sharon Morell, Ronnie DeNoia, Carol Dierksen,
DeVonna Craner, Greg Mellowe, and Carrin Hahn

Members Absent: John Mays and Jillian Friedman

Minutes Recorded By: Carrin Hahn

Sharon Morell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The minutes from January were read and approved.

LECS Director's Report, reported and written by Ronnie DeNoia

Foundation: \$91,801

Financial: OCPS cuts include \$140.00 pp and we expect further cuts
for 2009-210

Building: The Downtown Baptist Church proposal will go to its
membership within the next week. Charles met with Susan Morris
who has proposed a variety of scenarios from purchase to lease
option to lease with equity. Waiting to hear from Rick Roach on
OCPS decision to close schools. It would be a great idea to do a
School Board email blitz.

Calendar: Feb 4 Cystic Fibrosis Free Dress Day
Feb 10 FCAT Writes
Feb 11 Compassion Care Free Dress Day
Feb 17 Book Bistro

Feb 18 Science Fair Free Dress Day

Feb 19 Noon Dismissal

Feb 27 Report Cards

Pressing Issue: PTSA is scheduling rallies and a bus ride though we aren't much in the loop i.e. this weekend's rally. The cuts continue to be a pressing issue and everyone should be contacting their legislators State and National as cuts will be made federally that will trickle down to us

High School: While a final decision on the high school will not be made until April 1, the expectation is that the school will open in August as planned. Funding would be the obstacle to opening and hence a request for deferred status for a year. Everything else as it relates to the school is on schedule.

Silent Auction: We need a group of people to hand deliver the solicitation letters. They are prepared, but we want personal contacts.

- Greg asked about Susan Morris's four options. Ronnie said that two of the options are for buying the building and two are for leasing the building. The options call for anywhere from a \$100,000 to \$800,000 down payment.
- There was discussion about writing letters to the legislators. Greg said he would like some specific examples to share with parents about how the cuts would affect the students, and Carrin said the teachers would probably appreciate some concrete examples of what could happen so that they can tell the students. Although DeVonna pointed out and Ronnie agreed that it is exhausting to have to spell things out for the parents all of the time, Ronnie did tell some concrete things that could happen to LECS: 1. Even though students are excited about P.E., the P.E. teacher position could be cut. 2. The students at LECS have an accelerated curriculum and are looking forward to math and science in high school, but those programs could be cut. 3. If the class sizes are changed, classes with 17-20 students could have 23 or more students in the classroom next year. This also means the teacher will have less time to spend with each student. 4. The arts program could be cut. 5. Students' access to field trips could be hurt as money that was used for scholarships disappears.
- Greg said he would work with Ronnie (and Cindy Hamilton) on creating talking points to present to the parents. DeVonna said they should make sure they tell people about the \$130 or \$140 per child that has been cut in education spending.
- There was more discussion about things that are or are not happening to make more people aware of the proposed cuts. There was a poorly advertised and poorly attended rally at the corner of Bumby and SR50 this weekend. Ronnie said the Vice President of News Channel 6 spoke for about three minutes about the education cuts and how bad they are. Carol said that all calls, e-mails, or letters that go to a legislator's office are

- logged, so parents shouldn't feel like their letters or call will go unnoticed.
- There was a moment when each person around the table volunteered to do something to help a letter writing campaign among the students and the parents: Greg and Ronnie are going to write the talking points and two or three templates for the parents, Greg will get names and addresses for specific people to whom the letters should be sent, Carrin volunteered to write a template for the students to use, DeVonna volunteered to pay the postage on all of the student letters and to hand templates to parents in carline, Carol said she will set up appointments with legislators to hand deliver some of the letters, and Sharon said she would make sure each homeroom worked on the letters.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee, reported by Ronnie DeNoia

- Ronnie said she is looking for some key people (DeVonna, Carol, Annette Perry, and JoAnn Moy, to name a few) to deliver letters to potential donors, to explain about the online auction and the free advertising that goes along with a donation, and to return a week later to the donor's office to pick up any donations.
- Carol said she has a possible source for donations, and she could have some information by Friday when the school's interest in donations is posted on that website.

Curriculum Committee, reported by Greg Mellowe

- Greg asked if SAC members were ready to discuss the social studies issue. Ronnie said that she hasn't had time to meet with Mrs. Joerg, so she would rather wait until the March meeting.

After School Committee, reported by Carol Dierksen

- Carol said she had nothing to report.

Business Partners Committee, reported by DeVonna Craner

- DeVonna had nothing new to report.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Carrin brought the staff-proposed calendar. She gave everyone a copy of it and of the OCPS calendar; the LECS calendar is very similar to the OCPS calendar except for a few odd days off or in session.
- After a bit of discussion about letting the staff see the calendar first and date corrections, most SAC members agreed that it is SAC's job to approve the calendar that the staff (whoever was there) proposed. Carol made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 calendar, and DeVonna seconded the motion. The approved calendar is below.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009, in the school library.

Lake Eola Charter School
2009-2010 Calendar

August 18-21	Tuesday-Friday	Teacher Pre-Planning
August 21	Friday	Meet and Greet (4:00-6:00)
August 24	Monday	Students start school
September 7	Monday	Labor Day holiday – No School
September 17	Thursday	Back to School Night (6:30-8:00)
September 30	Wednesday	Progress Reports go home
October 5	Monday	Student/Teacher holiday- No School
October 29	Thursday	Noon dismissal/Professional Development
		1 st trimester ends (47 days)
October 30	Friday	Student holiday/Teacher workday
November 6	Friday	Student holiday/Report Card Conferences
November 20	Friday	Noon dismissal
November 23-27	Mon.-Fri.	Thanksgiving Break
December 15	Tuesday	Progress Reports go home
December 18	Friday	Noon dismissal for Winter Break
Dec. 21-Jan. 4	Monday-Monday	Winter Break (inclusive)
January 5	Tuesday	Return to school from Winter Break
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday/No School
February 18	Thursday	Noon dismissal/Professional Development
		2 nd trimester ends (61 days)
February 19	Friday	Student holiday/Teacher workday
February 22	Monday	Student/Teacher holiday – No School
February 26	Friday	Report Cards go home
March 26	Friday	Noon dismissal
Mar. 29-Apr 2	Monday-Friday	Spring Break
April 16	Friday	Progress Reports go home
April 29	Thursday	Noon Dismissal/Portfolio Review (1-5:30)
April 30/May 3	Friday & Monday	Student/Teacher holiday –No School
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day holiday – No School
June 9	Wednesday	Last day of School/Noon Dismissal -69 days
June 10-11	Thursday-Friday	Teacher Post Planning