

LECS SAC Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2009, 6:00-7:50
School Library

Agenda:

Minutes
Director's report
Committee reports
Old Business
New Business

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

Minutes Recorded By: Carrin Hahn

Sharon Morell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The minutes from June were approved without any changes.

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

Foundation: \$101,376

Building: We have now engaged Matt Brenner of Lowndes, Drosdick, Drosner who previously handled our lease extension with Susan Morris so he is familiar with the school. The lease proposal that we submitted to DBC came back with significant alteration/deletions so Matt will become involved in the negotiations. Further we do have a face-to-face set up for next week.

Miscellaneous: Back to School Night is Thursday 6pm
Pictures are next Wednesday
Progress reports go out 9/30
Smooth opening to school. Our biggest issue is pick up/drop off with our new parents
Today we had a dance demo and may be incorporating it into our arts team wheel
The Board Fundraising Committee is trying to put together an event at Lake Eola on 10/31 from 2-9 (Eolaween) and will be

looking for parent volunteers. I am meeting with them on Thursday.

Fundraising:

Since we have the online site for the year, we may be placing some items up that did not go or we had to refund.

Our profile will be on the Community Foundation in less than a month. We will be one of 300 non-profits to be showcased for funders.

- Ronnie answered some questions about her report too. Some of the issues on the proposal include parking spaces and a renewal option. There is a Plan B; it is to lease this building for another year or two. No matter where the school is next year, the teachers and office staff will have new furniture and bookcases, thanks to a parent whose company downsized and had things to donate. Ronnie asked if people could be on the lookout for storage options.

Committee Reports

Fundraising, reported by Ronnie DeNoia

- Ronnie said that the online auction will be available to the school for a complete year. She is going to put some of the unsold items back on the site, and she will ask for more donations to add to the list.
- Ronnie spoke about Donor Edge, which is a source for funders to go see what non-profit groups are seeking.
- She mentioned that she is still working with Rollins on rebranding. The people at Rollins have recommended that she pull all of the other words and symbols off of the logo if she wants the LECS brand to be the fountain with the students. The brand should tell a story, and it should be on everything from shirts to thank you cards.

Technology Committee, reported by John Mays

- John had nothing to report.
- He gave kudos to Casey for setting up the new website.

Business Partners Committee, reported by DeVonna Craner

- DeVonna asked about the dates of the Scholastic Book Fair. She would like to contact Mrs. Nater about McDonald's donating some of the food and drink for the Family Fun Night.
- DeVonna also contacted the owners of Beau Visage and Butterfly Dreams. Monique, from Beau Visage, offered to teach a class on skin care to the middle school health classes. She has also done things such as Muffins with Mom or health and fitness options. She offered to donate a facial to the teacher whose homeroom had the most box

tops.

- DeVonna asked if there is a way to put a link for the Business Partners' businesses on the school's website. Ronnie said that Casey could easily do that.
- Greg offered to put DeVonna and the proper PTSA people in contact with each other to see about the food donations from McDonalds for events and field day.

After School Committee, reported by Carol Dierksen

- Carol said clubs started today, and since she hadn't received any phone calls, she thinks things started well. The only issue is the Yoga and Fitness club, which needs 6 students enrolled. She has 5 signed up so far.
- Carol said that she did have a few parents who were confused by the club lotteries, even though the sign up sheets stated that names would be drawn if more people than the limit signed up.
- Sharon told Carol that she needs a list of people in each club in case there are release forms involved in the club.

Curriculum Committee, reported by Jillian Friedman and Greg Mellowe

- Jillian brought up changing the retention policy, which was an issue held over from June. There was some discussion about whether the policy should be changed or not considering the way OCPS does not have to honor the LECS retention policy. After several minutes, it was decided that the retention policy would stay as it is. However, Jillian said that a calendar would be added. The calendar will have dates for conferences and letters. The teachers will also have to put an asterisk next to the students who appear for the first time on the list during the second round of retentions.

Old Business

- Greg brought the SAC summary, and he suggested that SAC members go through the document line by line. Everyone agreed to look at it and offer suggestions for changes. Some of the suggestions for changes included playing around with the wording on "Who Serves on SAC?" and adding or deleting words about sub-committees. In the end, SAC members decided to add a line that sub-committees are convened as needed, without mentioning the sub-committees' names.
- The revised document will be printed and sent home with the students attached to their Progress Reports on September 30. Ronnie will ask Casey to put the document on the website.
- Carol made a motion to approve the document, contingent on the corrections. Jillian seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- The document is at the end of these minutes.

New Business

- Carrin asked about the Governor's Recognition money. Ronnie said she should go ahead and have a meeting for interested staff members even though Sharon said she hasn't received the official document yet. Ronnie said to use \$85 per student and 218 students as the numbers. Carrin will have the staff proposal for the October SAC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2009, in the school library. It is the second Monday in September because there is no school on October 5.

Lake Eola Charter School (LECS) Your 2009-10 School Advisory Council

Who oversees LECS' efforts to assure the success of its students?

In addition to the LECS Director (Ms. DeNoia), who manages the day-to-day operations of the school, LECS also has its own Board of Directors and School Advisory Council (SAC). We also have a Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) that supports the school in many ways but is not involved in its actual operations.

What does the SAC do?

The SAC supports the successful operation of the school by identifying needs, finding resources and seeking solutions through direct involvement. We do not set policy, but we do make decisions necessary for the operation of the school, such as approving the school calendar and the school improvement plan.

Who serves on the SAC?

The current SAC membership is a combination of LECS parents, teachers and administrators. (Parent representatives are elected by parents.) Each member serves a 2-year term. We also seek the involvement of members of the community at-large.

How does the SAC do its work?

The SAC holds monthly business meetings, but it also maintains a number of committees that assist with its work. Each committee reports and makes recommendations to the full SAC, which has the final say if any decision is needed. SAC Committees are as follows:

- **After-School** (Carol Dierksen, Chair) – Works to provide a diverse array of after school club opportunities.
- **Business Partners** (DeVonna Craner, Chair) – Works to cultivate strong relationships with the business community.
- **Curriculum** (Jillian Friedman and Greg Mellowe, Co-Chairs) – Studies and makes recommendations on broad issues and questions pertaining to the school's curriculum. (Issues that pertain to a particular student or teacher as well as questions about enforcement of existing rules should be directed to Ms. DeNoia.)

- **Fundraising** (Ronnie DeNoia, Chair) – Works to generate fund-raising opportunities to address additional school needs not met through the regular school budget process.
- **Facilities and Technology** (John Mays, Chair) – Assesses and works to meet the facilities- and technology-related needs of the school.

Subcommittees are convened as needed.

When and where does the SAC meet?

The SAC generally meets on the 1st Monday of each month (except in July and August).

Meetings are held in the LECS library (2nd floor) and are open to the public. Minutes from past SAC meetings are posted on the LECS website.

How can I request that the SAC or one of its committees address a particular question or issue?

You should either contact the SAC Chair (Sharon Morell) or the chair of the relevant committee. If the issue falls under the purview of the SAC, it will be placed on the agenda of the next SAC meeting. Some issues may be referred back to the appropriate committee for further action.

How can I get involved?

Please consider joining a committee. Contact the relevant committee chair for more information.

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