

LECS SAC Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009, 6:00-7:35
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 6:07 p.m.

The minutes from September were approved without any changes.

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

Foundation: \$104,326.16

Building: On September 24, 2009 the lawyers for LECS, the lawyers for DBC and the reps from decision makers at both entities i.e. trustees, and LECS Board President met to flesh out the lease contract. There were three points at issue: parking, insurance and shared use after the initial lease period. All but one issue has been resolved and we are looking to finalize the agreement by 10/31 with renovation to commence before the end of the year. Park Lake Presbyterian Church meeting will also be taking place, hopefully next week.

Miscellaneous:

- Thanks to the efforts of DeVonna Craner we had a successful Cool School event with much positive feedback
- Eolaween event is postponed until next year when we will have more lead time to do it right
- Teachers will be recertifying CPR on 10/29 the ½ professional development day
- St. Augustine Trip went well
- Dance started last Wednesday, we may be reintroducing puppetry also
- Rollins focus group will be at LECS on Oct. 21 for both students and parents

- The two significant pieces of art within the building have now been properly identified

Fundraising:

Right now I am looking at an online auction date significantly earlier than last year i.e. March 1. I am also interested in receiving feedback on if we should have an end of the year culminating event.

- Greg asked if SAC had dropped the ball on Eolaween. Ronnie said that we hadn't. She said the Board members decided that if it is going to be a signature event, they wanted to do it right. They deemed it advisable to have more lead time and plan for next year's event.

Committee Reports

Fundraising, reported by Ronnie DeNoia

- Ronnie said that this year's online auction would start on March 1. She is looking for feedback before deciding about doing an "in person" event. She might do a survey on SurveyMonkey since she thinks she knows how to do that now. If there is an event, it will be no later than mid-April.

Curriculum Committee, reported by Jillian Friedman

- Jillian presented a revised retention policy document. She kept the guidelines and procedures, but she added dates to the document. There was some discussion about whether the letters or the parent conferences should happen first, but in the end, it was decided that the letter should be the notification for the conference. After getting feedback from the group, Jillian also changed a few of the dates so that they were closer to progress reports or report cards going home. She will revise the dates, send SAC members a new copy for final approval, and then present the final copy to the teachers.
- Greg voiced a concern about the procedures. He thinks that the new parents should be told of Lake Eola Charter School's "different" retention policy. There was some discussion about things the new parents should know. Ronnie said she has someone working on a list of things-to-know for new parents. She is still accepting new information to go on that paper, and there could be a spot on it about rubrics and grading.

Technology Committee, reported by John Mays

- John had nothing to report.
- Ronnie reminded John that it is almost the end of the trimester, and he should pick a date for a volunteer clean-up.

- Sharon said that she might need to meet with John soon about a Technology Plan.

After School Committee, reported by Carol Dierksen

- Carol said that there are 8 students in the yoga class. One boy had dropped out, but there was another student who was interested in joining, so it worked out fine.

Business Partners Committee, reported by DeVonna Craner

- DeVonna said that she gave Mrs. Nater the information about the Bistro McDonald’s in case Mrs. Nater is interested in using that restaurant for the Family Fun Night during the Book Fair.
- DeVonna also said that Barnes and Noble will sponsor a school night. They will give coupons for up to 20% of the proceeds back to the school. They would also allow LECS people to have a table from which they could hand out the coupons.
- Brick and Fire is another business that is willing to partner with the school for a fundraising night. They will off a certain percentage of the profits, from everyone in the restaurant from one night, to go back to the school. It could be another night of fellowship. There was a suggestion that maybe there could be a “Pizza for Puppets” night as the funds raised on that night could go towards buying back a puppetry program for the students. DeVonna is going to work on setting up dates.

Old Business

- Ronnie said that Greg’s document about SAC went home.

New Business

- Carrin presented the staff proposal for the Governor’s Recognition Award money. It is below:

Staff Proposal for the Governor’s Recognition Award Money
2009-2010 School Year

\$ 2,500	copy machine
\$ 3,900	Field Trips and Supplies (field trips and supplies- \$300 per teacher for 13 teachers; all of the money may be used at the teachers’ discretion)
\$ 9,529*	18 Staff bonuses (\$475 per staff member for the 2008-2009 school year, includes money for taxes and retirement); may be different based on taxes *(this number is with 18%)

\$ 400	Student recognition awards (\$300 for Cluster 3; \$100 for Cluster 2)
\$ 21	Technology – to be added to the money left over from last year’s unspent technology money (updates for Microsoft 2007 and printers)
\$16,350	Total

- There was some discussion about the money for field trips and supplies. Sharon pointed out that the staff could then potentially have \$810 for supplies, including the \$300 given by the school and the \$210 Lead Money. After talking it over, everyone agreed that Carrin will go back to the staff and tell them that SAC changed that money to field trip money only. Ronnie said that if there is a staff member who need \$810 for supplies, he or she needs to come to see her so that she and Sharon can see what they can do to help.
- Greg asked if the amounts should be reduced somewhere to pay for the puppetry classes. That’s when the suggestion came for the previously-mentioned “Pizza for Puppets” night.
- Sharon said that if the copier doesn’t cost as much as predicted, the left over money would go back to the staff to decide what to do with it.
- Sharon made a motion to accept the staff proposal for the 2009-2010 Governor’s Recognition Award Money with one change: the \$300 per teacher must be used on field trips. Carol seconded the motion, and it passed.
- Carrin will go back to the staff and ask if they agree to the final document by e-mail. She will let Sharon know of the results.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 2, 2009, in the school library.