

LECS SAC Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2010, 6:00-7:00
School Library

Agenda:

Minutes

Director's report

Committee reports

Old Business

Committee Chair Positions

New Business

Nominating Committee Nominations for
2011/2012 Officers

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

Minutes Recorded By: Carrin Hahn

Sharon Morell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

The minutes from May were approved with one spelling correction.

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

- Financial: \$108, 009.65 is currently in the Foundation Account
- Building Report: We have submitted a proposal on the Amelia property, but have not heard back. We are also awaiting approval from the bank on the bond proposal to finance the building. We have already received positive feedback on that application. Charles expects to make a recommendation next Wednesday to the Board on the viability of moving forward with either the Amelia or Magnolia building (current building).
- 5th grade promotion, Tuesday June 8, 2010
- The 8th grade graduation went very well and we received mostly positive feedback on that. Thanks Sharon
- FCAT score will not be available until the end of June

- Ronnie also said that she has received some responses from parents willing to fill some of the positions that she and Sharon will not have next year. Several parents have offered to do the Online Auction and the yearbook. Ronnie said she thought that it was helpful that the parents are going to be able to work on these projects from home.
- Greg asked about the responses, and Ronnie said the cutoff to volunteer is June 15. She might also have someone interested in doing the newsletter, but that person doesn't want to use Constant Contact.
- Carol asked if the school will be fully staffed for next year, and Ronnie said that all of the teachers who were here this year would be back next year. One staff member said he forgot to turn in the form and apologized for its lateness. Carol also asked about DaVinci having Mr. Hughes, Mr. Madewell, and Ms. McCormick listed as staff. Ronnie said they will be teaching extra classes and will still be full time at Lake Eola Charter School.
- DeVonna asked for clarification about the building on Magnolia. Ronnie told her where the building is and then said that since the building would require \$600,000 to retrofit for a school, the Board decided to put in an offer to buy the building.
- Greg asked about the disenrollment letters. Ronnie said this was the worst year ever for parents not fulfilling their volunteer hours commitments. She said she heard lots of excuses and she got about twenty checks, of which four were \$200 or more. She said there was one 8th grader who was not able to attend the graduation ceremony. She also said that the number of volunteer hours is the lowest they have ever been. There was more discussion about the parent responses to the notification of outstanding hours and discussion about how mostly Cluster 1 and some Cluster 2 parents were delinquent.

Committee Reports

Fund Raising, written and reported by Ronnie DeNoia

- We are awaiting a final donation in excess of the Skybox bid. Presently, we are at \$8,500. Enough to cover the Arts program.

Technology Committee, reported by John Mays

- John thanked the volunteers who came to the final Saturday cleanup. There were eight or nine parents. John said he fixed the camera on the front door.

Business Partners Committee, reported by DeVonna Craner

- DeVonna had nothing to report.

Curriculum Committee, reported by Greg Mellowe and Jillian Friedman

- Greg and Jillian said they had nothing to report.

After School Committee, reported by Carol Dierksen

- Carol had nothing to report.

Old Business

- Sharon asked Carrin if there were any responses to the three chair positions (After School, Fundraising, and Curriculum) that are open. Carrin said there were no responses. Sharon asked if the people currently serving in those positions (Carol for After School, Greg for Curriculum, and Ronnie for Fundraising) were willing to continue serving. They all said yes. Sharon made a motion for Carol Dierksen to continue to chair the After School Committee, for Greg Mellowe to chair the Curriculum Committee, and for Ronnie DeNoia to chair the Fundraising Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Ronnie also made a motion to keep Carrin as the SAC Secretary after Carrin said she would stay in that position. Jillian seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- Ronnie asked Carol about Brick and Fire. Carol and DeVonna said Pollyanna never responded to either of them because she is no longer at Brick and Fire.

New Business

- Ronnie said that the Nominating Committee met to discuss candidates and their service for consideration as officers for next year. Ronnie made a motion that the Nominating Committee would like to put for the 2010-2011 school year Greg Mellowe as the SAC President and Carol Dierksen as the SAC Vice-President. Jillian seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.
- Greg thanked Jillian for her service to the SAC Curriculum Committee, and Jillian offered to help him with any issues that come up for discussion. Ronnie also thanked Jillian for her ten years of service to the school. Sharon thanked everyone on SAC for their commitment to SAC.
- Sharon said that in August, SAC would need to solicit a new parent (who already has a child enrolled at the school) for the Board of Directors parent position. SAC members will send out a solicitation letter for a parent. The interested parents will have to send back some information and write why he or she is interested in being on the Board. SAC members vote on the parent after they interview the candidates.
- Ronnie said that new bylaws had been written to say that after June 30, 2010, no Board member would have a child enrolled at the school. There will be one on the Board who will finish out his two-year term after that date. The new bylaw was written because some Board members joined the Board so that they could get their children into the school. Ronnie and Sharon said that some people had a difficult time separating the Board member job from the parent job with ties to the classroom. The exiting Board members each have to bring in a new person to be on the Board. New Board members have to do Board member training (required by law).
- There was some discussion about the next meeting. In the end, it was decided that there would be a SAC meeting on August 30 and one on September 13. During the picnic and Meet and Greet, parents will receive information about the Board position. Applications will be due by August 27, and SAC members will review them at the

August 30 meeting. The meeting on September 13 will be for interviewing the candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 30, 2010, in the school library.