

**Northern Lights Community School
Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 2019 @ 3:30 pm**

Board Members Present: Karen Fleming, Kim Miller, Aimee Love
Josie Pitts-Lobe, Art Norton

Board Members Not Present: Shannon Zozgornik, Don Vidal

Non Board Members Present: Mike Hamernick, Becky McCauley, Jackie Esler, Molly Bartel,
Rhianon Sargent – Audubon

Motion to convene by Josie Pitts-Lobe at 3:30 p.m.; second by Aimee Love. Motion carries.

1. Mission Statement read by Karen Fleming
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Art Norton to approve agenda with change; second by Josie Pitts-Lobe. Motion carries.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Josie Pitts-Lobe to approve consent agenda; second by Art Norton. Motion carries.
4. Treasurer's Report: This report reflects the changes from our last meeting with a budget based on an ADM of 87. The State of MN currently has a \$35M shortfall for Special Ed Funding for the FY18 school year. All schools have received a proration of 2.5% reduction as a result. The school portion of the shortfall is approximately \$18,000. This is not reflected in our financials. Motion made by Aimee Love to accept Treasurer's Report; second by Kim Miller. Motion carries.
5. Form 990 – Annual Report: Becky McCauley sent out the entire 990 to board members electronically prior to the board meeting. Motion made by Josie Pitts-Lobe to approve the form 990 resolution; second by Art Norton. Motion carries.
6. Accountant Resignation Update: Aaron Leisen's last day is April 8th. Becky has been interviewing accounting firms. There are five interested; all have experience with charter schools.
7. EE Goals - Molly: Molly Bartel gave us an update on seminars, student projects, and advisor led projects for Environmental Education for Quarter 3.
8. Academic Goals – Mike: Mike shared current reading and math performance in relation to Audubon Goals for Reading Growth (Indicator 3) and Math Growth (Indicator 4). Our Leadership Team will continue to address these areas.
9. Board Calendar and Discussion - Kim: Kim shared 2019 NLCS Board Calendar Discussion/Actions which will enable us to spread out important topics during our school year: board training, academic performance, director evaluation, environmental performance, financial performance, open meeting compliance. Kim and Karen will get together and make some revisions (remove July board meeting; add board evaluation).

10. Director's Report: We had three students participate in YEA! MN (Green New Deal) Rally at the capitol. We have contracted with the ALICE Institute for training. Staff is currently working on eLearning modules before we do our live training in April. We currently have 97 students enrolled. We had 98 enrolled in March of last year. We have reminded our students to bring friends to Presentation Night this Thursday, March 21, and will be advertising soon for next school year.
11. School Calendar for 2019-2020 School Year: Draft of 2019-2020 Calendar was presented which mirrors IASC calendar quite well. More of our staff wanted an April break. Motion made by Josie Pitts-Lobe to approve 2019-2020 Calendar; second by Kim Miller. Motion carried.
 - a. 2018-2019 Calendar: Our school board approved 2018/2019 calendar 2/26/2019 which extended our school year by two days (last day of school Friday, June 7, 2019). This calendar has not officially been sent out. The House of Representatives passed a bill to address the days schools lost because of snow/severe weather closures this year; bill has not passed yet in the Senate.
12. Board Boot Camp Report: Don, Aimee and Mike attended Board Boot Camp at the Blandin Foundation on March 13th. Aimee shared some highlights with the board.
13. Evaluation Committee – progress: The teacher evaluation was shared with the board. It is broken down into six domains each with a rubric to evaluate teachers. The next meeting for the evaluation committee is scheduled for April 2.
14. Book Fair: Karen's advisory will be having a book fair again this year through Scholastic. Last year we sold enough books to make it possible for each advisory to order 12 books. Karen is looking for help with this event on Thursday evening, March 21.

Motion to adjourn made by Josie Pitts-Lobe at 4:45 p.m.; second by Kim Miller. Motion carries.

Next meeting: April 16, 2019