

**Northern Lights Community School
Board of Directors Meeting
August 27, 2019 @ 3:30 pm**

Board Members Present: Karen Fleming, Aimee Love, Josie Pitts-Lobe, Art Norton,
Shannon Zozgornik, Don Vidal

Board Members Not Present: Kim Miller

Non Board Members Present: Mike Hamernick, Becky McCauley

Motion to convene by Aimee Love at 3:34 p.m.; second by Josie Pitts-Lobe. Motion carries.

1. Mission Statement read by Karen Fleming
2. Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda: Motion made by Shannon Zozgornik to approve consent agenda with change; second by Don Vidal. Motion carries.
3. Director's Report: There are 92 students enrolled today. There are 30 new students. New staff includes Ryan Melhus, Jenna Franks Amanda Hakala, and Vangie Mattfield. There is now a modified schedule to accommodate the math program. There are still funds in the Kootasca grant. The ramp was rebuilt this summer by three adults and three students. We need to do some outreach to get to 105 students.
4. Board Policy Committee: The board reviewed:
 - a. Policy 516 Student Medication first read. Motion made by Josie Pitts-Lobe to approve the policy with changes; second by Don Vidal. Motion carries.
 - b. Policy 524 Internet Use. There were no changes.
 - c. Policy 701 Service Animals was a new policy and the number changed from 601 to 701. Motion made by Josie Pitts-Lobe to approve the first read with changes; second by Aimee Love. Motion carries.
5. Food and Nutrient review: The food and nutrient review was finalized in June, 2019.
6. May 2019 Attendance Correction: The attendance on the May, 2019 Summary sheet was corrected and located in the board packet.
7. Americorp: Mike Hamernick informed the board that NLCS will not have an Americorp worker this year.
8. Lease Aid: Mike Hamernick had the lease aid completed, submitted, and approved by August 1.
9. Principal Academy: Two years ago, the board supported Mike Hamernick attending the Principal Academy for two days a month. He has used some of the things learned to help NLCS, like the accelerated reader. There is a picture on the University of Minnesota website with the graduating class.

10. New Staff Member Ryan Melhus: Ryan Melhus is the new special education case manager. Mike Hamernick and Ryan are working on trying to obtain a Tier 2 license for him
11. Emergency Action Team: The team met last week. The mock crash scheduled for this spring has been cancelled due to the tragedy of losing two students in a traffic crash last summer. The team instead decided to have an Emergency Demonstration day of hands on activities. Laminated sheets with emergency information are located in each room. ALICE training will continue with student training. Benita Hassell received buckets with donated items in them from Lowes for each room to be used in case of an event. In the event of an emergency, there is a lock box at the Warba Community Center and the school can use the County garage. NLCS will have a new APP that can soon be downloaded on Google play. This will allow staff to contact families and send reminders. Karen Fleming said that knowing the students in a small school is the best defense.
12. FY 18 Academic Performance Evaluaton was tabled.
13. Audubon Update: This is a renewal year. Our new contact person is Brandon Gill. He will visit NLCS on November 19.
14. Reading and Math Update: We have hired a new math teacher, Vangie Mattfield, to build a math program for the school. Reading used to be Silent Sustained Reading (SSR), but an accelerated reading program will be used now, to add accountability.
15. 2019 North Star Accountability Release: Mike Hamernick wanted the board to be aware of the public release of school accountability to the new media and public.

Motion to adjourn made by Shannon Zozgornick at 4:41 p. m.; second by Don Vidal. Motion carries.

Next meeting: September 24, 2019