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Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Live Oak Charter School
August 11, 2020
6:00pm

PRESENT
Sarah Grossi, Board Chair
James Jensen, Board Treasurer
Stacy Ito, Board Secretary
Jessica Umphress, Board Director
Chris Fox, Board Director
Patrick Kennel, Board Director
Erin Wrightsman, Board Director
Justin Tomola, Executive Director
John Azzizzi, Business Manager
Deb Fox, LOCS Volunteer Coordinator

OPENING 6:05 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

OPEN SESSION

A. Approve the agenda
   a. Move to approve to adopt the 45 day revise JJ, 2nd CF, Aye EW, SG, SI, JU, PK

B. Reports
   a. Executive Committee (Sarah Grossi)
      i. The Executive Committee did not meet.
   b. Finance Committee (James Jensen)
      i. The Finance Committee met to discuss and approve the 45 day revise budget.
   c. Foundation Report (Sarah Grossi)
      i. Report supplied by Patrick Mundy, new LOCS Foundation chair. Total grant was $237k, far above the projected $185k. Thank you Foundation!
   d. Director’s report (Justin Tomola)
      i. LOCS is starting the school year in Distance Learning, as are 95-98% of schools in California.
         1. Commitment is for 6 weeks, unless LOCS receives guidance to change.
         2. Distance Learning 2.0 updates:
            a. Daily interactions with teachers, attendance taken daily
               i. Absences need to be reported to the school office, per usual.
            b. Committed to offering a well-rounded Waldorf education to students.
i. Specialty programs starting 8/31/20.
   1. Ms. Gayla (Handwork), Mr. Michael (Music), and Ms. Reir (Movement) will all be working with all students 1st-8th grade.

   c. New Distance Learning schedule available on LOCS website.

   d. ~50 of the 100 Chromebooks for student use have been checked out; LOCS is expecting another order of Chromebooks in mid-September. A small order of HP tablets have been ordered for younger students in need.

   e. Desks and chairs have been loaned out to students in need to provide academic workspaces in the home.

   f. Classroom materials pick-up will be scheduled for the first week of school.

3. Hybrid model will be the next phase of school opening
   a. LOCS will begin the hybrid model (format still unknown) once Sonoma County is removed from the State Watchlist for 14 days.

ii. Enrollment

   1. Enrollment has dropped to 283; 2nd grade & 7th grade only classes at capacity. Waiting list is strong for 2nd grade and has 1 student for 7th grade.

iii. Working Groups

   1. Summary: these groups were developed in order to help with unique aspects of these challenging times. These groups provide community members the opportunity to use their skills and talents in ways to enrich LOCS during COVID pandemic. There are 5 groups:
      a. campus and community safety
      b. childcare/learning pods, addressing needs of working parents
      c. distance learning group to support faculty.
      d. social engagement group to improve social fabric of community
      e. communication to set and work on goals for the year

C. Consent agenda -- Move to approve JJ, 2nd JU, Aye EW, SI, SG, PK, CF
   a. Board minutes for July 16, 2020
   b. Financials for June 2020 and July 2020

D. The board will consider the following for discussion and adoption
   a. Adoption of revised 2020/21 budget (John Azzizzi)
      i. Revised budget is keeping with a conservative viewpoint, anticipating additional cuts for this year and for next year. Many deferrals have a high possibility of becoming cuts, as State attempts to weather COVID recession.
      ii. Added 2 FTE aides back for learning loss mitigation.
      iii. Increased cleaning costs reflect the need to sanitize the campus every
day (~$25k if starting October 1). Estimates for handwashing stations, sanitization stations, Chromebooks, hot spots, and PPE is about ~$29k.

iv. Move to approve SI, EW 2nd, Aye JU, SG, JJ, CF, PK

b. Adoption of Resolution Declaring Instructional Method for 2020/21 School Year (Justin Tomola)
   i. Resolution for LOCS to start the school year in distance learning, through 9/1/20. Distance learning will be reassessed for need every 6 weeks, at which point new resolutions will need to be approved.
   ii. Move to approve PK, 2nd JJ, SI SG JJ JU CF EW PK

c. Board Meeting Schedule 2020/21 (Sarah Grossi)
   i. Board meetings need to stay on 2nd Thursdays for John Azzizzi to attend, at 6pm, with the exception of 10/15 & 2/18, which are on the 3rd Thursday.
   ii. 2020/2021 Board meetings are proposed as
       1. 9/10, 10/15, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/18, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10.
   iii. Move to approve proposed dates and time EW, 2nd CF, Aye SG, JJ, JU, PK, EW, CF, SI.

d. Election of Board Officers (Sarah Grossi)
   i. All current officers have indicated a desire to stay on in officer positions; no other board members have indicated a desire for an officer position.
   ii. EW nominates JJ for Treasurer for 20/21--JU 2nd, all aye
   iii. CF nominates SI for Secretary for 20/21--EW 2nd, all aye
   iv. SI nominates SG for Chair for 20/21--EW 2nd, all aye

E. The board will consider the following for discussion
   a. School reopening/working groups (Deb Fox, LOCS Volunteer Coordinator)
      i. The working groups are designed to use asset based community development to tap talents and resources to help LOCS achieve goals for health, safety, education and community during COVID pandemic.
         1. Campus & Community Safety
         2. Childcare & Learning Pods
         3. Distance Learning
         4. Social Engagement
         5. Communication
      ii. Ask is for board members to participate in working groups, if possible, as a way to be involved and keep a pulse on the needs of the community.

   b. Executive and Finance Committee functions and compliance (James Jensen)
      i. LOCS Bylaws’ Executive Committee definition needs to be revised, it doesn’t seem accurate or logical as currently defined. Definition does not align with standard charter school Executive Committee definitions.
         1. LOCS Executive Committee Mandate is not signed and identifies a past Board Chair as the (forever) Executive Committee chair.
         2. LOCS Charter accurately describes current actions of the Executive Committee, as opposed to Bylaws and Mandate.
      ii. LOCS Finance Committee as described in the charter is accurate.
      iii. Questions to consider:
         1. What do executive committees do for charter schools typically?
2. What should be the executive committee function at LOCS?
3. How will the LOCS BOD set its agenda without an executive committee?
4. If agendas are set in an Executive Working Group and only the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are present to prevent there being a quorum, how can other board members suggest or add items to the agenda?
5. How can the public suggest items for the agenda if there isn’t a public agenda making meeting?
   iv. The board will revisit item E.b. at its next board meeting for further discussion.

   c. Board development plan for 2020/21 (Sarah Grossi)
      i. In interest of time, item E.c.i. was briefly summarized by SG and deferred to next month’s board meeting for discussion.

   d. Board tasks and responsibilities for 2020/21 term (Sarah Grossi)
      i. In interest of time, item E.d.i. was briefly summarized by SG and deferred to next month’s board meeting for discussion.

F. ADJOURNMENT 10:02pm