

**LIBERTY COMMON SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, November 16, 2006
Teacher's Lounge

ATTENDEES

Craig Horton, Terrie Fisher, Rob Lanciotti, Mark Sutherlin, Michelle Provaznik, Jim Pullin, Russ Spicer, Tim Ricketts, Valerie Perciante.

CALL TO ORDER

- Approve Agenda

Jim Pullin moved to approve the agenda. Craig Horton seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Approve October 19, 2006 meeting minutes

Jim Pullin moved to approve the October 19, meeting minutes as amended. Craig Horton seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

- Approve September 21, 2006 meeting minutes

Craig Horton moved to approve the minutes as amended. Terrie Fisher seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

- Community and Staff Comment

There was no community or staff comment.

NEW BUSINESS

- History/Economics Report

Mr. Staton gave the History/Economics report. Mr. Staton discussed the new text books, he is satisfied with them. Mr. Staton said that he has created an outline of Core Knowledge history information for the upper grades to assure that the curriculum is being covered. He will be doing the same for Economics. Students are currently working through the stock market game. Students have been reviewing several Milton Freidman economic videos and have just finished Bastiat's "The Law". The 9th grade trip this year is being worked out now, students may visit the Denver Mint.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Dean of Students Report, Dean Perciante

Dean Perciante said that the LCS Boys team won tonight's game. The girl's team tryouts will be on November 18. There have been some issues with AD attendance at the regular meetings. Disciplinary issues have been very minor this year. There was a fire alarm test today. Mrs. Perciante said that there have been many compliments from the TA's concerning the students being allowed to

play on the track field rather than the constraints of the former area. This month, Major Greoger (sp?) will be speaking for the monthly assembly.

Business Manager Report, Mr. Ricketts

- Monthly Financial Review

Mr. Ricketts said that student enrollment is strong; LCS is currently 3 students over the projected budget. The monthly financial numbers are as expected.

- Bank signature forms

Mark Sutherlin moved to amend the bank account signatures to comply with accepted business standards (as recommended by the auditor). Jim Pullin seconded. Motion passed unopposed. Mr. Ricketts passed out the bank signature forms to be signed.

Headmaster Report, Mr. Spicer

- Academics

- Upper school Math – Rick Darnell held a parent meeting that went well. Mr. Darnell explained this scoring system and fielded questions from the parents in attendance.
- Shared the accreditation report goals with the staff. Mr. Spicer reinforced the importance of identifying struggling students and doing everything possible to pull them up in their areas of weakness.
- Mr. Spicer said that the grammar program is going very well.
- Mr. Spicer is encouraging our teachers to continue to work on the quality and amount of writing from our students.

- Staffing – All positions filled and everything is going well.

- Teacher

- Mr. Spicer has almost completed the informal observations.
- Jeff Siener attended a Love and Logic conference. He will be leading a few trainings with our staff at future staff meetings.
- Staff Training
 - Marques Kem – Vocabulary – Greek and Latin Roots
 - Research papers – Standards, formats, and expectations.
 - Quantum refresher for the primary teachers.
- All of the LCS teachers and Mr. Spicer attended the Colorado Core Knowledge Conference on October 20th.
- Rob Huey, Tina Shockley, Wendy Anderson, Steve Ronen, Cherie Pedersen, Marques Kem and Duane Staton will be attending the Colorado Social Studies Conference.
- Sara Nuedling, Bri Schupp, Casey Churchill, Alison Wager and Ken Vetter will be attending the Science State Conferences.
- Jeff Siener, Bri Schupp, Jared Dybzinski, Casey Churchill and Mr. Spicer will be attending the National Core Knowledge Conference in Washington, D.C.

- Miscellaneous

- Met with the Superintendent and 4 Board of Education members from RE-1 Valley School District (Sterling) to discuss our charter school with them. Their district is considering a charter school.
- Consulting with Caprock Academy out of Grand Junction, Colorado. They are seeking help in how to identify and hire their administrative team. They are also coming to visit our school and meet with us on Friday, November 17th.
- Attended the Colorado League of Charter Schools conference. Mr. Spicer presented the Pay for Performance Plan. Presented on Data Analysis and how to discuss data with the staff and school community.
- Serving as a content consultant for a new Board Training handbook being developed from the Colorado Department of Education School of Choice unit.

Terrie Fisher said that she has received questions from a parent concerning seat belts on public buses and LCS field trips using this transportation. Discussion concerning PSD buses and the BOD's understanding that none of them have seat belts. LCS does allow parents to drive their student on a field trip.

OLD BUSINESS

- Finalize Strategic Plan

Chairman Horton discussed his attendance at the Colorado Core Knowledge conference. He captured many ideas concerning the strategic plan and charter school leadership. Chairman Horton also discussed a session he attended concerning traits of effective CEOs (Headmasters) and praised Headmaster Spicer and his dedication to LCS as evidenced by the fact that he consistently displays these traits.

Discussion of the strategic plan. Craig Horton moved to accept the Strategic Plan as amended. Michelle Provaznik seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

Craig Horton and Michelle Provaznik volunteered to champion the Marketing/Outreach goal. Terrie Fischer volunteered for Accountability, Mark Sutherlin and Rob Lanciotti volunteered for Philosophical Legacy. Jim Pullin volunteered for Campus.

- Finalize Composition Policy 7.16

Discussion of the Composition Policy. Mr. Spicer will present the policy to the staff for their comments. Discussion of creating a History, Geography and Economics policy.

Chairman Horton moved to enter Executive session for the matter of discussing Jim Pullin seconded. Motion passed unopposed. 9:20 PM

Chairman Horton moved to exit Executive session. Jim Pullin seconded. Motion passed unopposed. 9:48PM

ADJOURN

Chairman Horton adjourned the meeting.