

**Larchmont Charter School
Board of Directors 9/10/13
Larchmont Charter School at La Fayette Park
2801 W.6th St. LA, CA 90057
6:30pm**

- The meeting was called to order at: 6:36pm by Alicia Lara
- Names with "X" indicates present:

Board of Directors:			
Amato, John	X	Grouf, Nick	X
Brownson, Kim Pattillo	X	Hutchinson, Rebecca	
Cade, Carl	X	Jaeger, Nicole	X
Corwin, Danny	X	Lara, Alicia (Chair)	X
Dierking, Mark	x	LaVan, Ena	X
Feuerstein, Mark	x	Lipsitz, Jane	x
Francis, Marya (Secretary)	x	Loeb, Gabi (Treasurer)	x
Furedi, Drew	x	Young, Amber	x
		Wright, Richard	x
Larchmont Schools Staff: Eugene D. Straub (Executive Director)	x		
Catherine Belcher (Head of 9-12)	X		
Kristin Droege (Head of K-8)	x		

- I. **Public Comment (Members of the public may choose to speak here or immediately preceding an agenda item for which there is an action item)** Speakers: Casey Jenkins, Greg Pincus, John Haffer, Lisa O'Malley, Francis Hoge, Daphne Brogdon-Pees, Laura Putney, and Dawn Vogl,
- II. **Executive Director Updates & Comments**-Spoke about the Boards understanding for the need of better communication and how that was going to take place through site councils. Spoke briefly on the movement of TA's and Specialists were being worked in.
- III. **Approve Minutes from the September 10, 2013 Meeting (Action Item)**Kim-Motioned /Drew-Seconded/Approved-All
- IV. **Appoint Audit Sub-Committee (Action Item)** Richard Write voted in=Danny-Motioned/Mark-Seconded-Approved-All
- V. School Updates-**Kristin Droege Head of K-8**-Spoke about how she was giving support to her leadership teams at each campus. Helping that team support their faculty-especially the new faculty members on how Larchmont operates. Enrichments are now rolled out at all the sites. Finally she is preparing more information about the common core and how it affects us here at Larchmont Charter School. **Catherine Belcher Head of 9-12**- Overall

things are moving along well. We are looking forward to having our first college visitor from Princeton. Catherine is working on developing our 9/10 school spirit with an upcoming spirit week for those grades. Finally they are still creating more activities to help us develop our Larchmont Students.

- VI. **Academic Excellence Committee (Informational)**-Drew-what the board needs on a monthly basis to be updated on the performance or other needs of the school and a way to make that information accessible and consistent. Next meeting the board will draft a form for that for consistency.

Comments From Gene-What can we do to help keep these numbers up? Concern about sub-groups.

From Kristin-Overall we do well but when broken down according to the data, our FRL families do not do as well as our non-economically challenged families. What can we do to change that? In each classroom-more focus on those students families. Help with before and after school tutoring and homework assistance. Focus on quality and consistency. We are working on and finalizing our EL master plan. In particular we will focus on vocabulary,-speaking in the younger grades, and academic language vs day to day language for our older students. For math-put in place a consistent math program across campus and grade levels to support that dip that we see takes place around 3rd grade.

Comments From Catherine- Looked at structure of the day-8 classes with alternating days provide more time with each teacher-90min classes. Teachers are available for office hours and tutoring during the extended lunch time. We decided to take part in online learning as an option for some of our struggling Algebra students-APEX. We are now using a college prep program for math. Focused a lot on math based on last year's grades and data.

- VII. **Board Governance Committee (Informational)** - DC spoke. Spoke about their meetings about terms, what prospects are out there for new members and what would be expected of new board members-December would be nominations and January would be voting.
- VIII. Finance Committee-Kelly spoke.
- a. Update (Informational)-Kelly reviewed information. Public was encouraged to join us for our monthly Finance Committee meetings.
 - b. Approval of EMQ Families First Lease Extension through 2017 (Action Item)
Richard-Motioned/John-Seconded- All in favor.
- IX. Board Chair Comments
- X. New Business-None-Open session closed at 8:45pm 5 minute break until closed session.
- XI. Closed Session: With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.95
- a. Personnel Matter Update

XII. Closed Session Ended 9:29pm