

Larchmont Charter Schools
MINUTES
Regularly Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting
1265 N Fairfax Avenue
West Hollywood, CA 90046-5205
April 5, 2011

OPEN SESSION

- The meeting was called to order at 6:41 P.M. by Danny Corwin, Chair.
- Names with “X” indicates present:

Board of Directors:			
Dragon, Kriste	X	Loeb, Gabi (Treas)	X
Straub, Gene	X	Wright, Richard	
Boylston, Heather	X	Young, Amber	X
Cade, Carl		Lara, Alicia	
Corwin, Danny (Chair)	X	Jaeger, Nicole	X
Francis, Marya (Sec)	X		

Larchmont Schools & ExED Staff:			
Brian C. Johnson (Executive Director)	X	Kristin Droege (LCW Principal)	X
Dolores Patton (LCS – Head of Elementary School)	X	Joe Meza (ExED)	X
Myra Salinas (Assist Principal)	X	Graham Dye (ExED)	X
Rick Esquivel (LCS – Head of Middle School)	X	Rebecca Bailey (Deve. Associate)	X

- **Quorum:** Yes

1. Public Comment-

- There was no public comment.

2. Approval of the March 1, 2011 Minutes

- Marya Francis motioned to approve the minutes with the condition that the governance section be changed to reflect the approval of Danny Corwin for a one year term as Board Chair , Marya Francis for a one year term as Board Secretary, and Gabi Loeb for a one year term as Treasurer; Amber Young seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously with the condition that the governance section be changed to reflect a one year term for all nominated officers.

3. Governance-

- Heather Boylston motioned to approve Susan Lee and Rebecca Hutchinson for a two year term; Nicole Jaeger seconded. Susan Lee and Rebecca Hutchinson were unanimously approved to the Board.
- Gabi motioned to grant Brian permission to re-schedule the May Board meeting contingent upon it working with most Board member’s schedules; Nicole seconded.

4. School Updates

- **LCW**
 - Kristin noted that LCW is currently preparing for the addition of 4th and 5th grade classes, and that new families will be paired up to a 4th or 5th grade family that is already currently enrolled at LCW in order to help them become a part of the school community in preparation for the fall term.
- **LCS Middle School**

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- Rick noted that LCS Middle School is in the process of recruiting three new teachers to join the school by May 1st in preparation for the 2011-2012 school year.
 - Heather noted that during the Board Tour at the middle school, students seemed to be incredibly engaged and well-spoken.
 - **LCS Elementary School**
 - Dolores noted that LCS Elementary student recently completed class plays that explore how the Cinderella story is told within different cultures across the globe, including Italy, Peru, Madascar and New Zealand.
 - Brian noted that the Board might consider a number of fundraising tactics going forward and committed to bringing those options forward to the next Board meetingf
- 5. Finance**
- Brian presented the Development Update, noting that LCS, LCW and CAO are on track or exceeding their goals.
 - Joe Meza presented the February 2011 Financials to the Board.
 - Brian noted that LCS and LCW are in strong financial positions, especially considering how state deferrals could have impacted the schools.
 - Gabi motioned to approve the February 2011 financials; Gene seconded. The financials were approved unanimously.
- 6. High School Charter**
- Brian noted that the high school charter budget is not the final budget because it was created months ago as a requirement for the charter renewal process.
 - Gene motioned to approve the revised material revision to include the new “boilerplate” language from LCS; Heather seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Student Achievement Update**
- LCW
 - Kristin presented the LCW Signature Project Ratings as of February 22nd.
 - LCS Middle School
 - Rick stated that the last 4-6 weeks of the academic year are spent on Signature Projects, which will focus on ideas of community for 6th grade and self identity for 7th grade.
 - LCS Elementary School
 - Dolores noted that she is helping LCS elementary teachers to focus on what social responsibility looks like for K-5th graders.
- 8. Diversity and Lottery Update**
- Brian noted that LCS enrollment lottery forecast was very accurate but that the LCW forecast was slightly less accurate because LCW has only had one student decline an enrollment offer so far.
- 9. Facilities Update**
- Brian noted that the facility consultant has already begun conducting a series of three charrettes; one for high school stakeholders including teachers and parents from both LCS and LCW, and two at LCS, one comprised of parents and a second with teachers and staff.
- 10. Public School Choice Update**

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- Brian noted that while there is community support for the Larchmont Schools partnering with LAUSD in PSC 3.0, the funds to participate may no longer be available.

11. Public Comment

- LCW parent Kim Canter noted that state deferrals should be more strongly communicated to the parent community in terms of how this affects the programs and education that LCW and LCS are able to offer.
- Tom Eisenhower, prospective parent, stated that he appreciates the professionalism of the Board.

12. Executive Director Comments- there were none.

13. Board Chair Comments-

- Danny thanked Board members for contributing their expertise and professional knowledge throughout

14. Closed session to discuss personnel matter- there was nothing to report.

15. New Business

16. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M.