

**Larchmont Charter Schools**  
**MINUTES**  
**Regularly Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting**  
**815 N El Centro Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90038**  
**October 5, 2010**

**OPEN SESSION**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:20 P.M. by Danny Corwin, Chair.
- Names with “X” indicates present:

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

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

- **Quorum:** Yes

**1. Closed Session**

- The Board recessed into Closed Session at 6:21. At 6:38 P.M., the Board reconvened into Open Session and reported out that a personnel matter had been discussed with the Board.

**2. Approval of the May 28, 2010 and August 31, 2010 Minutes**

- Carl Cade moved to approve the minutes as amended. Heather Boylston seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Approval of Student Achievement Goals**

- Brian C. Johnson reviewed the student achievement goals, which were previously vetted by teachers and school leaders.
- Marya Francis asked for the 2008-2009 data to compare.
- Danny Corwin requested that Brian C. Johnson send the Board a copy of the letter he sent to foundation funders highlighting our schools’ academic successes.
- Brian C. Johnson reminded the Board that the student achievement goals presentation can be found online at <http://bod.larchmontcharter.org>.
- Kriste Dragon motioned to approve the student achievement goals for LCS and LCW for the 2010-2011 school year, Amber Young seconded. The student achievement goals were approved unanimously.

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**4. Diversity & Enrollment**

- Brian C. Johnson presented to the Board the middle school enrollment status update and learnings, indicating that the approach this year will be focused on a recruitment mindset rather than a retention mindset. LCS will continue to communicate its strong, college-focused, constructivist curriculum, while building up the wrap out experiences, such as athletics and the arts, that are important to middle school families and students.
- The Board discussed.
- Brian C. Johnson presented the proposed enrollment target for LCS for 2011-2012.
- Brian C. Johnson reminded the Board that this presentation can be found online at <http://bod.larchmontcharter.org>.
- Brian C. Johnson stated that Rick Esquivel, head of middle school, will share key learnings on LCS' middle school facilities and curriculum to the next Board meeting.
- Heather Boylston motioned to approve LCS' enrollment target for the 2011-2012 school year to keep the middle school grades on average at 56 (2 classes of 28), which is a 15% decrease from the K-5 size of 66 students per grade. Carl Cade seconded and the Board voted unanimously in approval.
- Brian C. Johnson presented the proposed enrollment target for LCW for 2011-2012, which will be to serve kids in grades K-5.
- The Board discussed.
- Kristin Droege commented that the grades will remain in clusters of K-3 and the 4-5, which educationally makes sense and provides for flexibility in facilities needs.
- Marya Francis motioned to approve LCW's enrollment target for the 2011-2012 school year to be a K-5 grades school. Carl Cade seconded and the Board voted unanimously in approval.

**5. Approval of the Definition of Founding Parent**

- Brian C. Johnson presented the proposed definition of founding parent, to be effective for next Fall, and reminded the Board that the Larchmont Schools leadership wants to be transparent about the definition.
- Heather Boylston stated that it would be great to celebrate the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade with a promotion to middle school this year.
- Brian C. Johnson reminded the Board that the document explaining the definition of a founding parent can be found online at <http://bod.larchmontcharter.org>.
- Marya Francis motioned to approve the definition of founding parent, Amber Young seconded and the Board voted unanimously in approval.

**6. Board Resolution reaffirming commitment to key policies**

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- Brian C. Johnson stated that because it is the beginning of the year, he wanted to remind the Board of their commitment to the Brown Act and key policies that govern the Board.
- Brian C. Johnson read the resolutions.
- Danny Corwin stated that he takes pride in the professionalism of the Board and asked for a motion to reaffirm the Board's commitment to key policies.
- Kriste Dragon motioned to keep the key policies, Gabi Loeb seconded and the Board voted unanimously in approval. Secretary, Marya Francis signed the resolutions.

**7. Finance**

- Danny Corwin indicated that the August 2010 financials will be approved at the next Board meeting.

**8. Public Comment**

- Members of the public thanked the Board for their time and expertise to leading Larchmont Schools and stated they are excited about the LCW vision.

**9. Executive Director Comments** – There were none.

**10. Board Chair Comments** – Danny Corwin stated that even with the current landscape of public education, Larchmont Schools is doing quite well, and he encouraged the Board to focus its energy on recruiting new Board members in the community with the financial, fundraising, and media expertise needed to bring Larchmont Schools to the next level.

**11. New Business** – There was none.

**12.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.