



Leaders In Our Neighborhood Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting: Minutes

August 22, 2022

(meeting held by video conference)

Trustees Present Via Video conference:

Herb Fixler
Ruth Jarmul
Deborah Dumont
Nick Ober
Susan Engel
David Schatsky
Tony Stoupas
Susan Fine
Herb Kaplan

Also Present Via Video conference:

Celia Sosa, Executive Director
Stephen Trowbridge, Chief Financial & Operating Officer
Maya Severns, Director of Development & Marketing
Keveney McCrillis, Executive Assistant to the Senior Leadership Team
Corrina Myers, here as a member of the public
Tom Sturtevant, nominated member of LION's Board of Trustees

The meeting began at 6:04 PM, and Mr. Fixler presided. A quorum was present.

1. Approve minutes for July 25, 2022

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Trustees present to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting.

2. Nominating Committee - Trustee Nomination

Herb Fixler led a discussion about the possible nomination of former Executive Director Tom Sturtevant to the LION board. Herb Fixler then opened the discussion to questions and comments from those present.

Herb Fixler asked if board members were prepared to vote on his nomination - unanimous agreement that the board was ready to vote. Herb Fixler called for a motion to vote on the addition of Tom Sturtevant to the Board. It was seconded. A vote was taken. Unanimous approval to add Tom Sturtevant to LION Charter School's Board of Trustees.

Tom Sturtevant then joined the video call. A discussion was opened about announcing his appointment. Celia Sosa said she would inform the Senior Leadership Team.

Herb Fixler opened a discussion about the "Give or Get" fundraising expectation per



board member. Tony Stoupas proposed an updated “Give or Get” fundraising expectation for board members. Herb Fixler seconded. A vote was taken with a unanimous approval.

3. Executive Director’s Report - Celia Sosa

Celia Sosa shared about the LION 101 - a new faculty retreat and changes made this year.

Staff members returned to LION last week.

Celia Sosa shared out the number of current vacancies and how we are supporting division directors in filling positions.

Celia Sosa shared out the rebranding efforts LION has undertaken.

Reminder was given about the Back to School night.

Overview was given of inclusion goals and how we are meeting them.

Celia Sosa gave a COVID-19 update indicating the shifts in guidance recently from CDC and DOE.

Celia Sosa gave a facilities update including the need to repair facilities at 730 Bryant.

Herb Fixler reminded us that we want to invite other members of the LION team to the upcoming board meeting.

Herb Kaplan recommended that we document our story. Tony Stoupas suggested a ½ day board orientation meeting for new members. Celia Sosa suggested that the board participate in some of the LION signature practices.

4. Finance Report- CFO - Stephen Trowbridge

Stephen Trowbridge updated the board that we are in the midst of planning for the finalist interviews for firms bidding to help in our redesign project.

Stephen Trowbridge reviewed the audit dates and schedule.

Stephen Trowbridge gave highlights on the Financial Results for FY 21-22.

5. Development & Marketing Report- Director of Development & Marketing - Maya Severns

Maya Severns reported on some of the positive outcomes of our Spring Social event. Then she shared our yearly fundraising goals and where we were performing so far in the 2023 fiscal year.



Maya Severns shared out a grant update as well as recent and upcoming grant activities.

6. Board Committee Reports

Herb Fixler shared out that the nominating committee already gave it's report.

Ruth Jarmal shared out that the marketing and development committee will give their update soon.

Tony Stoupas reported out that the Facilities committee will follow up in the next two weeks; Stephen Trowbridge circulated the facilities report before this meeting.

David Schatsky proposed that all committees give similar reports before our meetings as they are very helpful.

Deborah Dumont shared out that the education committee met and are focused on looking at census data.

7. Any other business

Our September Board Meeting is now September 19th, moved from the original date: September 26th.

8. Public Comments

No comment

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Minutes prepared by Keveney McCrillis and reviewed by Stephen Trowbridge