

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016

Board Members Present: Michael Hendricks, Roslyn Holcombe, Brian James, Stacy Powell, Stephanie Price and Tiffany Stewart.

Board Members Excused: Howard Brown and Matthew Littleton.

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, YLA Principal, Patsy Smith, YLA Director.

Call To Order: The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Learning Institute Board Room #1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian James.

Welcome to New Board Members: The Board welcomed the following new Board Members: Lloyd Silva, Stephanie Price, Michael Hendricks, Stacy Powell, Tiffany Stewart and Roslyn Holcombe. The following Board Members were elected as officers: Chairman - Brian James; Vice-Chairman - Michael Hendricks; Secretary - Roslyn Holcombe and Treasurer - Stephanie Price.

Public Input: None

Previous Month Minutes Approval: Brian James made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2016 Board Meeting as presented. Roslyn Holcombe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statement: Patsy Smith presented the October Financial Statement and explained the format of the report and the items included. She reported that the most recent audit was all clear. Lloyd Silva made a motion to accept the October Financial Report as presented. Stacy Powell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

School Report: Sandee Blankenship reported that YLA serves 144 students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. A competitive house system was recently implemented in which the students were randomly divided into 4 houses, including Ypefthynos, Uvumilivu, Kipa Kipa and Fortis, each representing a quality of citizenship. Students earn points for their house with MAP scores, being selected Student-of-the-Month and by participating in various school and community activities. The House competitiveness has positively resulted in higher involvement and outcomes. Ms. Blankenship reported that the sales for the Garth Brooks tickets yielded a profit of over \$3000, which will help cover the match portion of the technology grant. The Winter Wishes campaign goal for this year was \$2500 and \$2347.50 was collected. Ms. Blankenship also reported that the school hosted over 160 guests for the Veteran's Day Celebration. Job Shadow Day is scheduled for Friday, November 10, 2016. The YLA Staff will be attending another Ron Clark Academy Training while the students are participating in Job Shadow Day. More of the ideas from the Ron Clark Academy are planned to be implemented into the school curriculum, such as the Amazing Shake Community Relations Class. Executives and other

community professionals would be invited to participate in the class with the students to enhance their community relations.

New Business: Patsy Smith distributed a resume for Mark Mogge. Mr. Mogge is a Microsoft executive, who recently moved to the area and discovered YLA in searching for schools for his children. Ms. Smith stated that after Mr. Mogge visited the school, she feels that he could be a valuable resource to the school and Board. Ms. Smith suggested that the number of Board members be expanded by two members to a minimum of 9 members, one appointed and 1 to be elected from a STEAM background area. The By-Laws of the school would have to be changed to reflect the increase in the number of Board Members. This change in the By-Laws would require a 30-day turn around and the two new members could be invited to the January meeting. Tiffany Stewart made a motion to amend the By-Laws as requested to increase the number of Board Members to 9 members, with Mr. Mogge being the new appointed member. Stephanie Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

Questions, Comments, Concerns: Patsy Smith asked the Board to consider changing the monthly meeting time to begin at 4:00 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. Stephanie Price made a motion to change the meeting time as requested. Lloyd Silva seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session, if necessary: No issues

Adjournment: Stacy Powell made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Lloyd Silva seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The state-mandated Board Member training will be postponed until the January 9, 2017 meeting in order to include all new Board Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Holcombe
Recording Secretary