

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2018

Board Members Present: Allison Osteen, Becky Hooper, Steve Duzan, Allen Sherwood, Tim Fuller, Cathy Moore, Mark Mogge, Stephanie Price

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, Principal and Patsy Smith, Director

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Learning Institute Board Room #1. Stephanie Price, Treasurer, called the meeting to order.

Public Report: None

Previous Month Minutes Approved: Steve Duzan made a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting as presented. Allen Sherwood seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statement: The Financial Statements for October were presented. Patsy Smith indicated that there was nothing out of the ordinary indicated on the reports. Patsy reminded all that the board has oversight over budget expenditures each month. Stephanie Price made a motion to accept the reports as information. Allison Osteen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

School Report: Sandee Blankenship reported that 33 students recently took the PSAT. The Beta Club recently inducted 32 new members. New teachers attended the Ron Clark Academy and evidence of their training was being seen both in the classroom and on social media platforms. The school projected to make \$5,000 in the "Burpee Thon" to support Wesley Durham. The Burpee Thon was held and students raised \$20,000. Wesley came to school for the check presentation and met with students. Also present were representatives of Clemson Life. This service project was extremely successful for the first service project of the year. Thanks to these funds, Wesley and his family were able to acquire additional medical testing and treatment in Cincinnati. The fundraiser will be featured by the National Beta Club in their promotional video in the fall. Eighth grade students enjoyed their trip to Dollywood where they studied the engineering behind the roller coasters. Teachers did an excellent job of making connections to the theories and engineering practices. The school also held a successful Halloween Dance and mock election. Mr. Keever registered 8th graders for the Career Center. The entire school enjoyed a trip to the movies to see The Grinch. Students participated in Winter Wishes; where houses collect money for winter service learning projects. Charities represented come to the check presentations and explain to students how the money they raise will be used. Houses determine the charities. It was noted that there was a slight deviation from the Pickens County Schools calendar and the YLA calendar. The robotics team will be in competition this coming weekend. The Veteran's celebration had to be postponed due to Mrs. LaMance's surgery. The students did participate in the United Christian Ministries canned food drive. The Beta Club Song Competition will be held January 16-18. The theme this year is "Fueling the Future" and students chose a song from High School Musical. YLA has placed 2nd in the past two years and looks forward to winning first place this coming year. YLA is involved in a daily social media blitz. Every day an "Awesome of the Day" is posted. New followers have increased as have "likes" on Instagram. Patsy Smith, Susan Finley, and Melanie Barger will be attending the SC Charter Schools Conference and presenting on the topic, "Flipping PD: From Exhausting to Energizing."

New Business: The YLA Board welcomes its newest members – Allison Osteen, Becky Hooper, Steve Duzan, Allen Sherwood, Tim Fuller, and Cathy Moore. The members briefly introduced themselves to one another. Cathy Moore made a motion to approve the Board meeting calendar – the Board will meet the second Monday of each month at 4:00 pm. Becky Hooper seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Board training for new members will be held within 3 months of their election. Training is available online and the PPT has been sent to all members of the board. The Board has previously approved to expand the school to up to double its size. The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) proposal states that the \$250,000 written within the proposal is for funding of facilities. \$250,000 will be funded through ARC with an additional \$250,000 of in-kind match from the school and YLI. Nomination forms for School Improvement Council will be going out to parents and interested community members. The purpose of the School Improvement Council (SIC) is to gain regular feedback on school programs and processes and involve the community at large. Sandee Blankenship asked for suggestions of community members and parents. A suggested configuration of the council could be: student leader from each house, 2 parents, 2 community members, 1 teacher, and 1 ex-officio member in addition to the school principal. Nominations will be received through December and meetings could begin as early as January.

Old Business: Mrs. Blankenship reported that the school does not qualify for the reading coach position as they do not have 5th grade students, but would be allowed to hire if another school in the district does not use their allocation.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: None

Executive Session: Stephanie Price made a motion that the board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing officers. Mark Mogge seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Board voted on the following slate of officers:

Chairman	Mark Mogge
Vice Chair	Steve Duzan
Secretary	Kathy Moore
Treasurer	Stephanie Price
Finance Committee:	Allen Sherwood, Matthew Littleton, Stephanie Price

Allison Osteen made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Steve Duzan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Becky Hooper made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Allison Osteen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Price, Treasurer