

## YLA Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

**Board Members Present (highlighted):** Betsy Anthony, Nick McClellan, Chris Elrod, Matthew Kutilek, Rebecca Willis, David Orr, Sydney Cox, Brittany Kelley, Brittany Clark, Janel Crowder (present virtually), Ryan Smith

**Others Present:** Sandee Blankenship, Principal; Nathan Swords, Special Projects Coordinator for YLA

**Call to Order:** The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.. The meeting was held virtually. Betsy Anthony called the meeting to order.

**Public Input:** N/A

**Previous Month Minutes Approved:** N/A

**Financial Statement:** N/A

**Old Business:** Hot Pursuit update- Swords reports the wheelchair swing ordered for the Easley playground. We need to push for sign ups. Funds are around 19,700. \$6K or so needed. Continued fundraising efforts are in the works. Email reminder has been sent out to Board Members to secure a team of 4 or secure donations.

YLA Alumni Patsy Wood Smith Scholarship update- Willis reports the scholarship application deadline has closed. 11 applications will be reviewed this week by the Scholarship Committee. Those committee members will nominate 3 applicants they feel should move onto the interview round. These nominees will be mailed to Swords. The scholarship committee will hold a virtual meeting this week to discuss applicants and prepare for the interview rounds. The interview team will consist of Sandee Blankenship (non-voting), Patsy Smith, Melissa Kennedy, 1 student, 1 elected board member and 1 nominated board member. Interviews will be scheduled by Nathan Swords for next week. Ryan Smith (Rebecca Willis, back up) and Betsy Anthony (Nick McClellan, back up) have been nominated by the board to participate in the interview round.

**New Business:** N/A

**Principal's Report:** Kennedy reports they are in round 3 of Amazing Shake. Winner will likely be announced during awards day. 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance is next week. Testing will follow that.

**Questions, Comments, Concerns:** N/A

**Executive Session:** N/A

**Adjournment:** Willis made motion for the meeting to adjourn; McClellan seconded.

Respectfully Submitted by

*Rebecca Willis, Board Member*