

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 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, Melissa Kennedy, Assistant Principal; Nathan Swords, Special Projects Coordinator for YLA; Bryan Lively, Summit Academy Principal

Call to Order: The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 13, 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: Due to meeting virtually in March, the board will be approving both March and April minutes.

March minutes- Smith made motion to approve. Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously. April minutes- Willis made motion to approve. McClellan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statement: Due to meeting virtually in March, the board will be approving both March and April financials.

March Financials- Smith made motion to approve. Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously. April Financials- Clark made motion to approve. McClellan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

YLA Alumni Patsy Wood Smith Scholarship Update- Willis updates the board; the scholarship interview committee (Patsy Smith, Melissa Kennedy, Brian Lively and Rebecca Willis) conducted in person interviews for the 7 nominees. The committee unanimously chose Elijah Aiken as the recipient of the scholarship, which will be presented to him at Awards night.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, Anthony proposes making a change to the scholarship bi-laws. The Scholarship Interview Committee will review applications and nominate the applicants that will move to the interview round. Amendment will be made to the bi-laws and presented to the committee for approval.

YLA 5K Update- Over \$29K raised. Additional funds will be rolled to next year for the next wheelchair accessible swing. Hoping to place next swing in Clemson then one in Liberty.

New Business:

Blankenship asks for board input regarding Title II Professional Development Funds needs assessment. Cox inquires about artificial intelligence training for staff and students. Smith brings attention to trauma informed care and, McClellan, culture development within the school. Blankenship reports she will be organizing monthly culture development across all 3 schools.

Anthony suggest continued leadership development. Smith also brings up Peer-to-Peer Sexual Abuse training as he sees it as a vulnerable area in today's schools. Clark suggests continued financial literacy/personal finance for students.

Blankenship updates the board on some of the recent new hires at YLA: 8th Science Sophie Sawyer, 8th grade ELA Christie Dunson, 8th grade math Brianna McAbe, 8th grade history Rob Ramey, 7th grade ELA Eden Cassell, 6th grade math Coy Adkins

Principal's Report:

House games and field trip to Nashville is next week. Things are going well! Busy as usual at the end of the year.

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