

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023

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

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, Principal (present virtually); 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, November 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Mrs. Hodge's classroom. Betsy Anthony called the meeting to order.

Public Input: N/A

Previous Month Minutes Approved: Elrod made motion to approve; Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statement: Betsy noted a loss on October financials. Melissa Kennedy explained it was a check to Clemson University.

Elrod made motion to approve the October 2023 financials; Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The wheelchair swing dedication went well, was very emotional and meaningful. Fund for next swing is already nearing 10K. The next swing will be placed at one of the Easley Parks and Rec playground.

New Business: Sandee updates board on needed to split the board between for YLA and Summit. There can be shared board members but not the exact same board. Will work with district to amend the charter which says both schools will share the same board. The goal is to have a plan by January to accomplish this.

Chair is currently Besty Anthony; Vice chair is Nick McClellan.

Chris makes a motion to keep Anthony and McClellan in those positions; Willis seconded. Both Anthony and McClellan accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Secretary- motion made by Elrod to elect Willis; Seconded by Willis. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer- Willis made a motion for Elrod to be elected treasurer; Seconded by Kutilek. The motion passed unanimously.

Elrod made motion to reappoint Cox as educator postion; McClellan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointed educator position must be filled after Dunson's resignation. Sandee suggested moving Brittany Kelley from the newly elected community member at large position and into appointed educator position. Next in line for the elected community member at large position

was Ryan Smith. Motion made by Cox; Seconded by Elrod. The motion passed unanimously. Smith will be contacted to accept this position.

Sandee shares scholarship idea with board- desires to start a YLA Alumni Scholarship, using surplus funds from the current budget, awarded to one high school senior each year. Sandee would like board to entertain building an annual scholarship foundation for YLA Alum.

Planning Committee formed for YLA Alumni Scholarship foundation. McClellan, Willis, Orr, Kelley, Elrod volunteer to serve on planning committee. Motion to approve by Orr, seconded by Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

Sandee shares with board the community outreach Fentanyl Awareness rally to be held on February 19th.

Principal's Report: Veterans Day program was a success. Community service day is coming up.

Director's Report: see new business

Questions, Comments, Concerns: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Willis made motion for the meeting to adjourn; Elrod seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Rebecca Willis, Board Member