

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

Board Members Present (highlighted): Betsy Anthony, Nick McClellan, Cathy Moore, Tenley Murphy, Cynthia Deaton, Chris Elrod, Matthew Kutilek, Craig Trainer, Rebecca Willis, Kenna Dillard, Christie Dunson

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, Principal; Melissa Kennedy, Assistant Principal; Nathan Swords, Special Projects Coordinator for YLA

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Mrs. Kutilek's classroom. Betsy Anthony called the meeting to order.

Public Input: NA

Previous Month Minutes Approved: A motion was made to approve the March 2023 minutes by Becca Willis, Christie Dunson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statement: Questions were answered regarding current Aid to Classrooms revenue and Advertising Expense. Sandee is asking about the Aid to Classrooms revenue and explained that YLA sponsors several high school groups. The Board felt comfortable and confident with her explanations. A motion was made to approve the March 2023 financials by Nick McClellan, Craig Trainer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The 2023-2024 School Calendar was reviewed. Cathy Moore made motion to approve the calendar; Craig Trainer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Hot Pursuit is doing very well regarding registrations. This week, registrations are still being accepted, but T-shirts cannot be guaranteed because those have already been ordered. Before any youth pledges, we have currently raised a little over \$15,000. Continue to push this out on social media and ask for sponsors. The 5K will start first, and the Hot Pursuit will start about 5 minutes later. Next year, let's think about how youth can do both the 5K and the Hot Pursuit. Youth will end at the old high school, and police officers participating in the Hot Pursuit will be at Doodle Station with youth. YLA Teachers, Staff, and Admin will also be at Doodle Station with youth.

New Business: Summit Academy has a logo. We will hear for sure on April 27. If we are approved, we will be able to offer a Principal position on April 27 and hire on April 28.

Principal's Report: MAP testing occurred before Spring Break and went well; 7th and 8th grades went on field trips before Spring Break, and today was the 3rd round of The Amazing Shake. Students did very well during The Amazing Shake. House games are coming up at the end of the month. May 12 is awards night, if any Board members want to come.

Before Spring Break, a small group of 8th graders began making racist jokes. It was difficult to determine who the students were because students would not give names. Sandee emailed all 8th grade parents letting them know the consequences and addressed the 8th grade student body the next day. After addressing the student body, 60 students came forward and it was

easy to narrow down to 3 specific students. That conflict has been resolved. We currently have our first Homebound student. This student is receiving 5 hours of service per week.

Questions, Comments, Concerns:

Executive Session: A motion was made by Kenna Dillard to enter into Executive Session. Rebecca Willis seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Cathy Moore made motion to exit Executive Session, Rebecca Willis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Catherine R. Moore, Secretary