

## YLA Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2022

**Board Members Present (highlighted):** Steve Duzan, Nick McClellan, Cathy Moore, Stephanie Price, Joe Burgett, Jessica Burnett, Tenley Murphy, Cynthia Deaton, Stacy Browder, Lauren Willis, Betsy Anthony

**Others Present:** Sandee Blankenship, Principal; Patsy Smith, Director

**Call to Order:** The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Steve Duzan called the meeting to order.

**Public Report:** NA

**Previous Month Minutes Approved:** Cathy Moore made motion to approve the minutes from November 2021. Cynthia Deaton seconded; the Board approved previous meeting minutes unanimously.

**Financial Statement:** (approval of September 2021 and October 2021 financials) Nick McClellan made motion to approve September and October 2021 financials. Jessica Burnett seconded. The Board approved September and October financials unanimously. September's financials and minutes will be moved to next month's meeting.

**New Business:** Hillary Hennessy will be joining YLA in the Special Education role. Bridgett Sitterle 8<sup>th</sup> grade science. Andrea Kutilek is staying with us but moving from SPED to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies. Now we are fully staffed for expansion.

### **Old Business:**

- SCPCSD Site Visit (January 18) re: Renewal in January: Patsy mentioned that it would not hurt for Board members to be on campus that day; as soon as Patsy knows more details about the day she will send out
- SCPCSD Board Review on February 10 in Columbia: Patsy reminded the Board that as many Board members as possible need to plan to attend; this aids us in renewing the charter for another 10 years; Board Chair, Steve Duzan suggested we coordinate closer to date.

**Principal's Report:** Winter Wishes coin drive was very successful – split evenly among families who lost a parent due to COVID; each family receive a \$2500 check. Students enjoyed all Christmas activities before break. Winter MAP testing results look good – Josh Christopher (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher) classes showed tremendous growth (2 classes 100%, 1 class 93%, 1 class 89%). We are gearing up for Beta Club convention. We are only taking 8<sup>th</sup> grade and participating in Song Fest at convention. The lottery is coming up very quickly. We are over by 110 applications at this point, which is the highest amount over we have ever had. As a

reminder to Board members, your student does have preferential enrollment, but you must complete the application before February 11 by 3pm. We will be starting high school registration and IGP meetings very soon. Susan Finley and Principal Blankenship just finished doing co-observations of teachers and received mid-year surveys from students; both have met with teachers to review observations, surveys, and SLOs. Principal Blankenship is meeting with her radiation doctor soon and will be communicating with staff, students, and parents about her dates. She will also let the Board know. Steve Duzan offered our assistance to Sandee during this time.

**Questions, Comments, Concerns:** Patsy commented that as she gets ready to retire, she will train Melissa Kennedy (Science Teacher and Leadership at YLA) to take on the role of providing financials for the Board meetings. Principal Blankenship noted that around 10 warning letters have been sent regarding absences, next step is a meeting with her, then a truancy letter coming from Steve Duzan. If the student continues to be absent (past 10 unexcused absences), they present their case to the Board, and the Board decides if they can remain enrolled at YLA.

**Executive Session:** Not necessary

**Adjournment:** Cathy Moore made motion to adjourn. Nick McClellan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

*Catherine R. Moore, Secretary*