

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023

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

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, Principal; Melissa Kennedy, Assistant Principal

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. via Google Meet. Betsy Anthony called the meeting to order.

Public Input: NA

Previous Month Minutes Approved: moving to August

Financial Statement: Question – expenses were almost doubled what they were last month; Clemson contract, supplies, and a few other things. Answer – Clemson held off one invoice while we were redoing the contract so that was two invoices together, and the supply cost always increases at the end of the year because of awards day and other expenses as we prepare for the next school year.

Old Business: Brian Lively and Cassie Hyder officially start for Summit Academy on July 1. The website should be live on August 1. Cassie will start social media in August as well. At some point in the next few months, we need to set a lottery date for Summit. We have a great leadership team in place for Summit. From a Board perspective, we are currently governing Summit now. The planning and implementation grant application has come out, and we have started working on that. At YLA, Tonya Wilson will move into AP when Melissa Kennedy moves into Principal. This school year, Melissa Kennedy will be doing the job of Principal, but her title will reflect AP. Tonya is already being included in administrative conversations, so she will be completely prepared for the 24-25 school year. Betsy asked about recruitment for Summit. Sandee suggested a subcommittee for recruitment who could work with Brian and Cassie. If a Board Member is interested, please contact Sandee.

New Business: David Orr, the new STEM Board member, introduced himself. No other official new business to report.

Principal's Report: The end of the school year and house trip went well. Awards night also went very well. Sandee received a lot of positive feedback from parents/families. All end of year conferences were completed on time. Melissa, Sandee, Tonya, and Shasta have been planning for back-to-school in August. Things are going very well. The accessible swing should be delivered by Labor Day. When we get closer to date, we will plan a ribbon cutting ceremony for that.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: Do we need to do anything before the start of the new school year? Board members are welcome to come to any event but are not required to attend. An org. chart for both YLA and Summit Academy will be posted on the shared drive.

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Craig Trainer made motion for the meeting to adjourn; Kenna Dillard seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Catherine R. Moore, Secretary