

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 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 & Director of School Based Programs

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Youth Learning Institute Head Quarters in the Board Room. Steve Duzan called the meeting to order.

Public Report: NA

Previous Month Minutes Approved: Cynthia Deaton made motion to approve March's minutes. Betsy Anthony seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Financial Statement: Cathy Moore made motion to approve February, March, and April 2022 financials. Jessica Burnett seconded, and the Board approved unanimously.

New Business: Stephanie Price passed away suddenly in her sleep a couple of weeks ago. Sandee would like to donate \$500 to Meals on Wheels in Stephanie's name. We will also need to appoint someone for the "local educator" position. The appointment is two years, and we are in the middle of year one. Cathy Moore made motion to approve the \$500 gift card; Stacy Browder seconded, and the Board approved unanimously.

Old Business: YLA app – Sandee showed the board how we can download the app and see the feed; a new component has now been added – parents will have one sign-in and be able to use that one sign-in to communicate with PowerSchool and see all student's information (test schedule, assignments, projects, coming up, make payments, view the calendar, etc.).

Sixth grade orientation went very well. Only 5 families could not attend.

Principal's Report: State testing has gone well. We have a lot of field trips coming up, and the golf tournament is this weekend. Awards night is May 16th as well as the third round of The Amazing Shake. 8th grade graduation and the 8th grade dance are coming up. We announced our house winner today, Fortis, and they have never won in the history of the school.

We are full on staffing for 22-23 school year. Additionally, we will pay Melissa Kennedy a \$10,000 supplement, and she will be the Assistant Principal for YLA. The hope is that in 23-24 school year, Melissa will become the full time Assistant Principal and 504 Coordinator Position; Susan Finley will be retiring after 23-24, and the plan is for Shasta Loper to fill Susan's position.

Burpeethon is complete, but students only raised \$10,000. We estimated \$20,000, and Sandee has reached out to parents to try and get close to the \$20K. In reflection, last time students were able to meet the recipient prior to the event, but since the child is medically compromised, we were not able to do that this year.

There are about 7 weeks off before staff come back. July 25 – teachers report; August 1 – students return.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Betsy Anthony made motion to adjourn; Tenley Murphy seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Catherine R. Moore

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