

## **YLA Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 12, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Mark Mogge, Chairman, Matthew Littleton, Vice-Chairman, Roslyn Holcombe, Secretary, Ashley Clark, Michael Hendrix, Stacy Powell, Lloyd Silva and Henry Wilson.

**Board Members Excused:** Stephanie Price, Treasurer, Howard Brown and Tiffany Stewart.

**Others Present:** Sandee Blankenship, YLA Principal, Patsy Smith, YLA Director.

**Call To Order:** The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Learning Academy Board Room #1. The meeting for January 2018 was cancelled due to inclement weather. The meeting was called to order by Mark Mogge, Chairman.

**Public Input:** None

**Previous Month Minutes Approval:** Henry Wilson made a motion for the minutes from the December meeting to be approved as presented. Matthew Littleton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Statement:** Patsy Smith presented the Financial Statements for December 2017 and January 2018. Ms. Smith reported that both financial statements were provided to show all the transactions from December and January since the meeting was not held in January, due to inclement weather. Matthew Littleton made a motion to accept the reports as information. Henry Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**School Report:** Sandee Blankenship, Principal, reported that the Beta Club placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Song Fest competition at the State Beta Club Convention and therefore qualified for national competition. The entire group displayed excellent behavior and was complemented by several. ELA and Math teachers will be attending Get Your Teach On Conference in New Orleans later this year. There have been 86 applications submitted for rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Lottery drawing is tonight at 6:00 p.m. The ALICE training is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> for the students, facilitated by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office. The Camp Seewee Field Trip for 6<sup>th</sup> graders is coming up. Representatives from the State Charter District visited the school today. The next Coffee with the Principal is scheduled for Thursday at 2:00 p.m. High School registration for 8<sup>th</sup> graders is underway. 37 plan to attend Pickens High, 2 going to Liberty, 2 going to Easley and 5 going to Daniel or Home School. The end-of-the-year celebration trip to Disney is planned for May. PASS and SC-Ready test dates have been announced and will be communicated to parents. The first round of the Amazing Shake competition will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Career Fair is planned for March 9<sup>th</sup>. Another round of House Games will be planned for March. The PTO Pancake Breakfast at the GateHouse, which was cancelled due to inclement weather, will be rescheduled.

**New Business:** Ms. Blankenship announced that there were 3 inclement weather days built into the school calendar, which have to be used to cover days missed. The Board can consider forgiving days 4 to 6 missed, and recommend to the State Charter School District for approval. If 7 to 9 days are missed, only the Legislators can forgive. To date, there have been 5 inclement weather days. Henry Wilson made a motion for a recommendation to be made to the State Charter School District for days 4 and 5 missed for inclement weather, be forgiven. Stacy Powell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** Ms. Smith discussed teacher incentive bonuses and the historical basis for calculating them. She recommended that the criteria for determining teacher incentive bonuses be based on EVAAS scores. Teachers receiving a score of 3, 4 or 5 would be eligible for an incentive bonus, capped at \$1500 for non-content area teachers. Teachers receiving an EVAAS achievement score of less than 3 or who are on a performance improvement plan would not be eligible for an incentive bonus. Matthew Littleton made a motion that teacher incentive bonuses be based on the teacher's EVAAS scores, with scores of 3, 4 or 5 being eligible and scores below 3 or on a performance improvement plan not eligible for incentive bonuses, and bonuses for non-content area teachers being capped at \$1500. Henry Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Questions, Comments, Concerns:** Henry Wilson reported recently attending a 3D CAD seminar in Rock Hill and receiving a free 3D printer and software for attending. He offered to place the printer at YLA. A company representative would provide on-site training. Ms. Blankenship and Ms. Smith welcomed the offer, as this would be a great learning opportunity for students on cutting edge technology.

**Executive Session, if necessary:** Stacy Powell made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and for the Board to be called into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. Lloyd Silva seconded.

**Adjournment:** Matthew Littleton made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Michael Hendrix seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roslyn Holcombe*

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Recording Secretary