

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018

Board Members Present: Mark Mogge, Chairman, Matthew Littleton, Vice-President, Roslyn Holcombe, Secretary, Ashley Clark, Michael Hendrix and Stacy Powell.

Board Members Excused: Stephanie Price, Treasurer, Howard Brown and Henry Wilson.

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

Call To Order: The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Leaning Academy Board Room #1. Matthew Littleton made a motion to call the meeting to order. Mark Mogge seconded.

Public Input: None

Previous Month Minutes Approval: Stacy Powell made a motion for the minutes from the February meeting to be approved as presented. Michael Hendrix seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statement: Patsy Smith presented the Financial Statements for February 2018. Ms. Smith reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary to report on the Financial Reports. Mark Mogge made a motion to accept the reports as information. Ashley Clarke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

School Report: Sandee Blankenship, Principal, reported that she and some of the teachers attended the Teach Your Heart Out Conference in Nashville this past weekend. Another group of teachers plan to attend the Get Your Teach On Conference in New Orleans and some others will attend a conference in Boston. Friday was Career Day. Today was the second round of the Amazing Shake competition. The 6th grade field trip to Camp Sewee went well, except the gnats were terrible. The trip will be planned for the fall next year to prevent this same nuisance. High School registration is completed for all 8th graders. Ms. Blankenship will be taking 30 students, who were selected by their peers as being exceptionally kind, to see A Wrinkle in Time movie on Friday morning. Spots Cards and House awards will be coming up soon. International Day is coming up. Howard Brown is excited to be helping with this event. The Alice Training was held for students on February 28th. The training went great. There were 2 doors broken when trying to barricade, but it was good experience. Officer Carmen Leemon was a terrific instructor and taught the students valuable life lessons. Spring Break will be April 2 through April 6 (the week after Easter). The next Coffee with the Teacher will be held on April 9th at 8:00 p.m. MAP testing will be coming up in May.

New Business: Sandee Blankenship presented the Pickens County School District 2018/2019 School Calendar along with changes proposed for YLA. The proposed YLA calendar includes a school start date of 2 days earlier than the school district calendar, but taking the entire week of Thanksgiving as holidays. Grading periods would shift accordingly. The Christmas holidays are

abbreviated to 8 days this year, but January 2nd would be Job Shadow Day, giving teachers an additional day after the Christmas holidays before resuming instruction. Matthew Littleton made a motion to accept the proposed YLA 2018/2019 proposed school calendar as presented. Stacy Powell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Ms. Blankenship stated that, as a follow-up to the called Board Meeting last Monday regarding student attendance, an attendance policy needed to be considered to respond to situations in which students have excessive absences. The School District of Pickens County has a Truancy Officer to deal with attendance issues, but that additional position would be cost-prohibitive for YLA. With no concrete attendance policy in place, YLA's recourse is to summon the family to Family Court. After much discussion Mark Mogge made a motion for the Board to discuss this issue again after further investigation and research, possibly electing a steering committee to develop an attendance policy for YLA that could be implemented for the 2018/2019 school year. Matthew Littleton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Mogge reported that he had purchased an additional 3D printer to be donated to YLA and could use some Microsoft match dollars available through Donor's Choice to purchase several more for the school, with a request from a teacher. Ms. Blankenship stated that Ms. Kennedy would make the request for the printers along with supplies as soon as possible.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: None.

Executive Session, if necessary: Not necessary.

Adjournment: Matthew Littleton made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Roslyn Holcombe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roslyn Holcombe

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Recording Secretary