



Youth Leadership Academy Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2017

Present: Brian James, Michael Hendricks, Mark Mogge, Howard Brown, Matthew Littleton, Tiffany Stewart, Lloyd Silva

Non-Board Members Present: Sandee Blankenship, Principal and Patsy Smith, Director

Board Members Not Present: Roslyn Holcombe, Stephanie Price, Henry Wilson, Stacy Powell

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Brian James, Chairman.

Public Input -- None

Previous Month Minutes Approval – Mark Mogge made the motion that minutes be approved as presented, second by Howard Brown, unanimous approval.

Financial Statements for June/July – Motion to approve made by Matthew Littleton, second by Lloyd Silva, unanimous approval.

School Report – Principal Sandee Blankenship reported that the staff is ready for Meet the Teacher on Wednesday. YLA will go one-to-one with chromebooks this year and all classes will use Google classroom. A parent night on August 28 will introduce parents to Google classroom. A special day will be observed on Monday, August 21, as new students will be initiated into Houses, and all students will enjoy the YLI waterslide. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 to enjoy the Great Eclipse with their families.

New Business

- Elect additional member of Finance Committee – Matthew Littleton was selected as an additional member of the Finance Committee. Tiffany Howard made the motion following discussion, and Howard Brown seconded, with unanimous approval.
- Principal Assessment Results were presented to the Board as information. Principal Blankenship was evaluated through the Vanderbilt Assessment of Leadership in Education, and received highest ranking of “Distinguished” in every category, to include High Standards for Student Learning, Rigorous Curriculum, Quality Instruction, Culture of Learning & Professional Behavior, Connections to External Communities, and Performance Accountability. Mrs. Blankenship was scored by her Supervisor, by her staff, and also scored herself.
- Students First Culture – Director Patsy Smith reported on the Professional Development held with both YLA and Tall Pines STEM Academy on the theme “Students First.”

Expansion – The Board unanimously decided to pursue a charter amendment that will allow YLA to double student enrollment over the next three years of operation. Matthew Littleton made the motion, Mark Mogge seconded, with unanimous approval.

Old Business -- none

Questions, Comments, Concerns -- none

Executive Session—Howard Brown made the motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel decision, seconded by Matthew Littleton, with unanimous approval. Following discussion, Tiffany Stewart made the motion to leave executive session, seconded by Lloyd Silva, with unanimous approval. No further action was necessary.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Matthew Littleton, seconded by Tiffany Stewart, with unanimous approval.

Submitted by Patsy Smith