

**LIBERTY COMMON SCHOOL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
BUSINESS MEETING**

September 30, 2021

Liberty Common High School

2745 Minnesota Drive, Fort Collins, CO

**ATTENDANCE**

- BOD:
    - Kelly Notarfrancesco, Chair
    - Tricia Diehl, Vice-Chair
    - Charles Grant, Treasurer
    - Todd Arndorfer, Secretary
    - Ben Friesen
    - Elizabeth Barber
    - Cindy Skalicky
  - Administration:
    - Bob Schaffer
  - Sarah Hunt
  - Torgun Lovely
  - Kathleen Kearney
  - Robert Robinson
  - Casey Churchill
  - Sandy Stoltzfus
  - Bev Hanawalt
  - Bill Kranz
  - Brett Harkey
  - Rick Wrona
  - Chris Reynolds
- Guests: Stanton Skerjanec - Administrative Archivist, Sarah and Dan Siegreest – Abacus, Paulina Dietrick, Adam Macy, Denise Benz, Samantha Evans, Stacy Webber. Ms. Lannen and Mr. Kleen for the Engineering Department. Ms. Karr, Ms. Allen, Ms. Horton, Mr. Parsons and Ms. Sullivan for the Science Department

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by Ms. Notarfrancesco at 6:00pm.
- Approved the agenda as presented

**STAFF AND COMMUNITY COMMENT**

- Mrs. Dietrick talked about the Ambassador’s Club Girl’s Night clothing event Saturday Oct 2 from 5-9pm.
- Two parents commented with concerns on the anxiety and embarrassment as a result of the subjectivity of the updated dress code – in particular for girls.
- One parent spoke in favor of the parent choice around masks. Also commented on the re-institution of the desk masks at the grade school last week.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- Approved Board Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2021 after some spelling corrections.
- Approved Strategic Planning Minutes – August 26, 2021 as presented.

**ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- Science Department Report – Ms. Karr
  - Attendance at last year’s National Classical Symposium was a game changer for how the department approaches the teaching of science

- Reading From Wonder to Mastery: A Transformative Model for Science Education by John Mays and working on how to integrate that approach into our teaching philosophy.
- Using the AP science scores as a measure of how well the students are learning and how to improve how we are teaching.
- Several questions answered including a couple around the collaboration between our science and engineering departments.
- Additional lab/class space is a strong need.
- Engineering Department Report – Ms. Lannen
  - Engineering teaches creative problem-solving skills that can help address many of the world’s large problems.
  - Good engineering textbooks are hard to find and/or very expensive, so much of our content has been self-developed.
  - Strong robotics programs and results from FLL Jr. and FLL at the grade school through FTC at the high school.
  - Strong desire to split the engineering and woodshop spaces for safety and aesthetics reasons.
- Headmaster Report – Mr. Schaffer
  - Topics included:
    - Class of 2022 has the #1 SAT score in the state of Colorado – strong indicator of college readiness.
    - Steve Durham from State Board of Education called Mr. Schaffer letting him know that they had instructed the Commissioner of Education to no longer pursue our non-aggregated student attendance data – a great data privacy win after two years of work by Liberty.
    - Powerschool/Naviance data privacy. We filed a complaint with State Board of Education that has been referred to the State Attorney General to further pursue their failure to follow the data privacy laws. They are actively investigating the case with background questions to us and the family who raised the concern.
    - Mr. Reynolds our new Athletic Director is holding quarterly meeting with all coaches with an emphasis on athletics as co-curricular and integral to fostering capstone virtues.
    - Long discussion about continuing to improve the interpretation and enforcement of the dress code.
    - Continuing discussions with Heritage Christian about a potential joint athletic facility.
- Overall Review of CMAS / High School Year-end Test Results – Mr. Lovely and Mr. Churchill
  - Excellent results at the high school – no concerns.
  - Very good results compared to other district schools who focus more on computer testing skills than Liberty does.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Fund 43 Capital Improvement Schedule Review – Mr. Grant
  - Reconciliation of balances among allocations

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Academic Advisory Committee – Ms. Barber
  - New junior-high elective course proposal upcoming for Mrs. Bradley
  - New text discussion upcoming for Mr. Tullius
  - Potential new course proposal upcoming for Mr. Reynolds
- Financial Advisory Committee – Mr. Grant
  - Received confirmation of reimbursement for ESSER II.
  - Discussion with Davis about increasing our Moral Obligation bonds. A \$12.7M project would need \$690k per year of debt service. They think the increased Moral Obligation limit will be available for at least 4-5 years.
  - Draft audit report delayed due to late questions from our auditors.
- Development Committee – Ms. Skalicky
  - Successful Evening at the Exchange social event.
  - Spring event planned for April 29.
  - Alumni giving challenge Oct 8-9.
  - Creating a grants subcommittee to focus on those opportunities.
- Political Committee – Mr. Friesen
  - Updates about CAC work.
- Governance Committee – Ms. Notarfrancesco
  - Board education will focus on Finance
  - Second strategic planning session planned for Nov 4. Third planned for Jan 28.
- Student Data Privacy Committee – Mr. Arndorfer
  - See item above on Powerschool/Naviance concern
  - Decided not to continue to UCHHealth program at the school given our concerns with their survey last year.
- Parent Education Committee – Ms. Diehl
  - Philosophy night planned for Nov 6.
  - Junto tentatively planned for February
- Building Corporation Liaison – Ms. Diehl
  - Still waiting to hear back from state on the deck – hopefully this week.

## **TOP THREE ITEMS FOR COMMON SENSE NEWSLETTER** – Mr. Arndorfer

- National Classical Symposium benefits.
- Background on the current Covid situation .
- Board commitment to preserving parental rights.

Ms. Diehl moved to adjourn to **EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)** for conference with attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on questions regarding 501(c) (3) status at 9:39pm. Seconded by Mr. Grant. All in favor -- approved.

Mr. Arndorfer moved to adjourn the executive session at 10:34. Seconded by Mr. Grant. All in favor – approved.

**ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at 10:34pm