

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

October 28, 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 Siegrest – Abacus. Ms. Paige Gowing for the Library and Literacy Review Team. Mr. Dybzinski, Mr. Tullius, Ms. Hersh and Ms. Pedersen for the English Department. Ms. Bradley. Thomas Colvin, Sarah Kent, Kim Farrand, Adam Macy, Chereese Macy.

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Ms. Notarfrancesco at 6:00pm.
- Amended the agenda to move the Fund 43 motion to November. Approved the agenda as amended

STAFF AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

- Mr. Colvin made a statement and suggested improvements to enforcement of the dress code.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Approved Board Meeting Minutes – September 30, 2021 as presented.
- Approved Exec Session Meeting Minutes – September 30, 2021 as presented.

ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- English Department Report – Mr. Dybzinski
 - True wisdom is what you inclined toward.
 - We measure SAT scores, but the focus is on growing good people not, on testing well.
 - Using the LETRS program for the second year in K-3 (and beyond for some extras help) to improve the teaching for reading and literacy. Includes a strong focus on phonics. Also gives teachers norms/benchmarks for average-performing students rather than their old approach which only gave benchmarks for students on the achievement extremes.

- New parent interview system for junior high reading accountability seems to work better than the previous reading logs.
- Need to continue to focus on the classics and avoid drift away from that core English curriculum.
- Suggested that the more classic texts we can provide for our students to keep and annotate, the better.
- Library and Literacy Report – Ms. Gowing
 - Discussion about book fair vendor change from Scholastic to Usborne and back to Scholastic as well as supplemental ideas to provide more access to great books. The primary goal is to stimulate love of reading.
 - Literacy Review Team improved the Great Books list by making it more grade appropriate. The result has helped stimulate more love of reading in the elementary.
 - Also divided the list into parent-led and independent reading.
 - Typing club in 4, 5 and 6 is paying big dividends in 7th grade typing skills
 - Planning a Great Books info night later this year
- Headmaster Report – Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lovely for Mr. Schaffer
 - Topics included:
 - Successful Singapore Math boot camp night – suggest continuing to hold every other year.
 - Good discussions during tour of the school with Superintendent Kingsley and PSD Board Chair Febvre.
 - Very successful Festival of Ideas.
 - Morality talks went very well this year.
 - Promising meeting with City Parks department on potential partnership for sports recreation space. They have already done several other partnerships. Best proposal is upgrades of Warren Park baseball field.

NEW BUSINESS

- LCHS New Course Approval: The Science of Science Fiction (Junior-High Elective)—Vote
 - Moved by Ms. Barber. Seconded by Ms. Diehl. All in favor approved.
- LCHS British Literature Textbook Proposal - Lord of the Flies—Vote
 - Paradise Lost coverage will be reduced to create time for this new book in second semester.
 - Moved by Ms. Barber. Seconded by Mr. Grant. All in favor approved.
- Year End Giving Campaign Approval—Vote
 - Moved by Ms. Skalicky. Seconded by Mr. Arndorfer.
 - Proposed to fundraise for new LCS playground equipment, retractable side hoops for LCS and lighting for Everett field.
 - All in favor approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Academic Advisory Committee – Ms. Barber
 - New officers elected

- Mr. Reynolds working on a Microeconomics course proposal
- New course recommendations approved above
- Financial Advisory Committee – Mr. Grant
 - Received ESSER II reimbursement.
 - Closed Fund 41 bond revenue for technology.
 - Audit report still not complete due to continuing late questions from our auditors. Once they are done with questions, one week to complete. District aware of and understands the delay.
- Development Committee – Ms. Skalicky
 - Alumni giving challenge Oct 8-9 limited success. Developing ideas to create better alumni relations
 - Continued planning for future events noted last month.
- Political Committee – Mr. Friesen
 - Updates about CAC work.
- Governance Committee – Ms. Notarfrancesco
 - Second strategic planning session planned for Nov 4. Third planned for Jan 28.
- Student Data Privacy Committee – Mr. Arndorfer
 - Powerschool/Naviance concern is still very much on the radar of the CO State Attorney General’s office.
 - Anything that is in the possession of a vendor, but not the school, is not an “education record” under FERPA, so while we are still advocating for the family to have Powerschool/Naviance produce the required student data, their delay puts the vendor, not Liberty in violation.
- Parent Education Committee – Ms. Diehl
 - Provided an introduction at the Singapore Math workshop
 - Philosophy night confirmed for Nov 6.
 - Looking for someone to help with marketing materials for the Feb 7 Junto
- Building Corporation Liaison – Ms. Diehl
 - Revisiting potential large capital project.

TOP THREE ITEMS FOR COMMON SENSE NEWSLETTER – None

- Next update after the December meeting.

ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 9:51pm

Discussion/Training – Education Finance – Mr. Grant