

**LCS Building Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
LCHS Minerva Room
February 15, 2022**

Board Members Present: Tricia Diehl, Randy Everett, Peter Kast, Maureen Schaffer.

Other Attendees: LCS Principal Casey Churchill, LCS Founder Ruth Ann Everett, LCS Assistant Principal Sandy Stotzfus, and LCS BOD members: Todd Arndorfer, Elizabeth Barber, Ben Friesen, Charles Grant, Kelly Notarfrancesco, and Cindy Skalicky. (Note: Tricia Diehl is also a member of the LCS BOD).

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President/Treasurer Peter Kast.

1. Peter provided a brief overview and history of the LCS Building Corp and its relationship to Liberty Common School. He recapped the importance of “buildings” to the educational choice movement which was begun 30 years ago by Liberty’s founders .
2. Peter, Randy, Ruth Ann, and Maureen provided rationale for capitalizing on current facility opportunities to expand the school’s education program. These include, but were not limited to:
 - a. Strengthen the current educational program by creating a feeder school to grow the high school to a more optimal size of 4-6 tracks. This would maintain “small community” school culture while increasing staffing/schedule flexibility to provide all students full access to the school’s academic program. It would also increase student leadership and extracurricular opportunities.
 - b. Strengthen the school against external threats by growing its base of parents/ community support
 - c. Satisfy waiting list demand. This could be viewed as an obligation under the BOD’s position of public trust.
 - d. Pay it forward. The BOD and their children benefit from the foresight and work of the founders. It is a public good to increase school choice opportunities for others.
3. Randy moved that the Building Corporation invite the LCS BOD to participate in a committee to investigate recent facility opportunities on a) West Horsetooth and b) Wheaton for the purpose of expanding the school’s education program. Maureen seconded.

Discussion: At the request of the Building Corp, the LCS BOD members shared their initial thoughts:

Todd said he is not opposed to a committee to gather more information.

Charles expressed concern that the administration was too enthusiastic about expansion. He noted that as a member of the LCS financial advisory committee, it was important to him that an expansion be financially solvent. He said he is not opposed to a committee gathering information.

Tricia stated she is in favor of a committee to gather more information.

Cindy stated she is in favor of a committee to gather more information.

Ben noted that the BOD did not yet have a strategic plan and expressed concern that “the cart is before the horse.” He asked, “Should the BOD lead this? What is the why and how?” He expressed concern that the committee would not be “intellectually honest” and therefore required a skeptic. Ben offered that he is capable of asking the hard questions, but he would not have time to participate in that role on the committee.

Elizabeth stated she supported the idea of providing a good education to more students so she favored a committee to gather more information.

Kelly stated she had no interest in an expansion effort, but noted it would be myopic not to take a look at the opportunity.

The motion passed 4-0.

4. Randy offered the invitation to the LCS BOD per the motion. Kelly stated the BOD would not take action to appoint members to the committee, but interested BOD members should volunteer to serve on the committee on their own time. Tricia and Elizabeth volunteered for the committee. Maureen asked whether the BOD would authorize administrative time for the committee. Kelly advised that the BOD did not tell the administration how to allocate its time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

Submitted by:

Maureen Schaffer
Secretary