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**Learning Gate Board Directors
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 19, 2018**

Board Members Present: Debbi Stone, Jennifer Collins, Christina Faudel, Christina Goldstein, Stan Kroh, Jennifer Wolgemuth, John Zdanowicz

Board members absent: Jamie Meyer, Karen Ramlackhan

Staff in attendance: Kelly Pratt, Kris Smith, Adam Wolford

Parent Liaison: Nicole Rametta

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Debbi Stone, Chairperson.

Announcements:

- Jenn C. wrote a published book. It will be presented at a tide talk at the Florida Aquarium on March 21st.

Public Input:

- None

Executive Committee Reports:

Secretary (Jennifer W.)

- The minutes for January were reviewed and all changes were accepted.
- Stan motioned to approve the minutes from January. Jenn C. seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (John):

- The January revenue was 59% YTD, payroll was at 52%. Purchases were 57%. We are trending 6% ahead of revenue vs. expenditures. There will be expenses incurred in June, July, and August.
- The phone system has been updated thanks to an equipment and maintenance donation.
- Jenni W. motioned to accept the Treasurer's report for January, Jenn C. seconded. Motion passed.

Educational Program (Karen):

- No updates.

Personnel (Jamie M.):

- No updates.

Business and Finance (John)

- No updates.

Governance (Debbi S.)

- A meeting was held on February 16th and notes were distributed.
- Discussed possibility of involving an independent investigator when parents are unsatisfied with bullying investigation outcomes.
- Discussed need to clarify the role of the Board of Directors vs. Administration and privacy laws.
- Discussed Board elections and revising Handbook to make all terms expire in July. The bylaws will be reviewed by the Governance Committee, and options will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting.
- Discussed the possible slate of officers to be voted on in June.
- Debbi nominated Amelia Terrapin to the Board of Directors, contingent on required background checks and completion of Governance Training. Jenn C. seconded. Motion passed.
- Discussed new Governance Training provider. Debbi motioned to authorize Jenni W. to pay \$500 for a three year subscription, with the caveat that we will get money back if the training company's license is revoked, otherwise she is authorized to pay \$350 for a one year subscription. Christina G. seconded. Motion passed.
- The Education and Personnel Committees may be combined. It will be discussed at the Board retreat.
- Debbi, Karen, and Gigi are working on Michelle's annual review.
- Debbi sent out a poll for possible retreat dates. The purpose of the retreat is long-term planning and discussion of budget items. It will last 3-4 hours.
- The Charter Board held a breakfast for Board recruitment, but no members of the Learning Gate Board were able to attend. Jenn C. will follow up with them.

Resource Development (Christina G.):

- Discussed need for Board donations for auction night, such as tickets, electronics, etc. Tickets are available to purchase now.

Foundation (Christina F.)

- No update.

Facilities (John):

- Sprinklers: John is still working with the CFC on the sprinkler system.
- Refinance: The committee is working through the bond refinance project list. A special Board meeting will be called in the next 10 days to decide which projects should be included.
- Sanctuary: It will cost \$188,000 to demolish the sanctuary and build a gym.
- Athletic field: will cost \$41/ft² including irrigation. The ideal size is 200 x 200.
- Septic leech field: The septic leech field at the Hanna campus needs to be replaced. It will cost \$92,000.
- Members: The finance committee is still seeking out new members.
- A/C: the Munter unit will not be replaced over spring break. We will have a replacement plan and a contingency plan to get it replaced before school begins in the fall.

Administration Update (Kelly and Kris):

- Michelle left a copy of the Principal's report, which was distributed.
- The lottery will be held on March 2nd. Almost all students are returning for most grades. The lottery no longer has to privilege students from Hillsborough County. Border county schools will receive equal priority.
- The tardy and attendance policy was discussed. It is working well for the school. If a student is absent for 5 days, the county and LGCS send out a letter. After a number of absences, social workers are contacted.
- The Great Shake was held at Ron Clark Academy. Four LGCS students attended, and three made the final round. Next year, 6th graders will participate.
- Safety: LGCS is being proactive. Faculty will receive additional training and students are being taught to listen carefully to teachers in the event of an emergency. A lockdown drill will be held next week.
 - Debbi: students should be told not to forward threatening social media posts to their friends, but instead show them to an adult.
 - John: the facilities committee will discuss additional security features for buildings, potentially to add to the bond. A parent and emergency manager with homeland security will join the meeting.

Old Business:

- Bounce house insurance: our insurance will no longer cover bounce houses. The insurance company may not renew the policy based on bounce house claims. No inflatables, including bounce houses, will be allowed at the school.
- Randy Stearns is responding to any information requests we are required to provide.
- The principal is out for medical leave and will return mid-March.
- Jenn C. will get in touch with the two groups who are interested in renting the school on the weekends. Renting out the school may affect the bond refinance and will need to be disclosed.

New Business

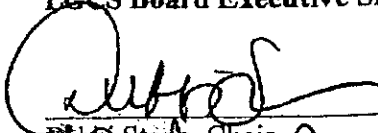
- Stan: A parent is concerned that some school events conflict with Jewish holidays. Kris says that the school checks their events against most holidays, but can't speak for the PTSA
- John: introduced Luke Chichetto, the newest member of the facilities committee.

Jenni W. motioned to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Jenn C. seconded. Motion approved.

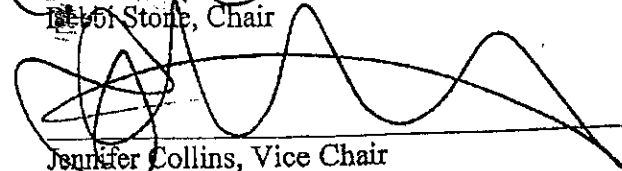
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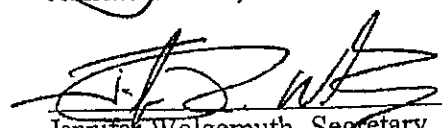
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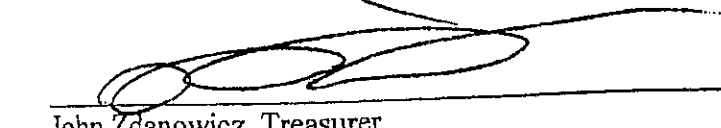
Leilani Stone, Chair 3/28/18
Date



Jennifer Collins, Vice Chair 3-28-18
Date



Jennifer Wolgemuth, Secretary 3.26.2018
Date



John Zdanowicz, Treasurer 3-28-18
Date