

## MEETING AGENDA & NOTES

Present	Brooke Archenhold
	Sherrie Brookie
	Chasity Gonzalez
	Cathy Griffith
	Andrea Hyman (remote)
	Brian McKay
	Lienne Medford
	Brian Morrison
	Laura Raby
	Corey Shick
	Gina Turcotte
	Rob Venable
	Stacey Wilson
David Wooten	
Absent	Kyle Snipes

# MEETING NOTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

### MOTION: APPROVE AGENDA

- Corey Shick proposed that the board revise the meeting agenda to include consideration of “Approving E-Rate Grant Assistance” under New Business.
  - Stacey Wilson made a motion to revise the agenda and add consideration of “Approving E-Rate Grant Assistance” as a New Business Item.
  - The motion was seconded by Cathy Griffith.
  - All were in favor, and the agenda was approved.

### MOTION: APPROVE OCTOBER 2024 MEETING MINUTES

- Brooke Archenhold made a motion to approve the October 2024 board meeting minutes as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Stacey Wilson.
- All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

### REPORTS

- David Wooten, Principal’s report
  - Mr. Wooten indicated that the application period for school’s 2025-26 lottery had ended and that over 450 applications were submitted. He acknowledged that 436 applications had been submitted in the previous year, and 478 applications were submitted the year before that. For the 2025-26 school year, the school is considering enrollment of 92 girls and 88 boys for 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

- A number of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students recently took the PSAT, and 36 students achieved scores sufficient to be designated as Junior Scholars.
- Measures of Academic Program (MAP) testing will be administered for the second time in the 2024-25 school year in December 2024.
- Mr. Wooten acknowledged that South Carolina school report cards for the 2023-24 school year were released, and he indicated that the school had received an Excellent rating in the area of Academic Achievement. He noted that the school had not received an Excellent rating in the area of Student Progress. In discussion among board members, it was noted that performance metrics associated with Student Progress may have changed, which may have affected the school's rating.
- Mr. Wooten noted that the school was recently recognized by the Charter Institute at Erskine as a School of Excellence, receiving a Diamond level School of Excellence designation for scoring in the top 10% in Math and ELA in the state of South Carolina. Board members discussed various possibilities for how the school could acknowledge its receipt of this award from the Charter Institute at Erskine as well as the recent designation of LCMS as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School.
- Mr. Wooten informed board members that Dr. Lienne Medford would be presenting at the SC Public Charter School Alliance conference in December 2024, and that he and Dr. Rob Venable would be attending the conference as well. Mr. Wooten also shared that LCMS had hosted that organization's upstate quarterly meeting two weeks ago. He noted that in addition to other activities, the SC Public Charter School Alliance keeps member schools abreast of legislative developments that may affect charter schools in the state.
- Langston Foundation
  - Corey Shick briefly commented on the Langston Foundation Monthly Fundraising Summary handout, which was provided to board members as part of the meeting packet.
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
  - Dr. Medford noted that at the SC Public Charter School Alliance conference in December 2024 she will be conducting a presentation on teacher leadership as well as participating in roundtable discussion regarding connections between higher education and charter schools. She also commented on a forthcoming proposal that charter schools, like public schools, should be eligible for certain grant opportunities.
  - Dr. Medford noted that upcoming changes to state math standards, which will affect middle schools, will be implemented in the 2025-26 school year. In addition to other impacts, these changes will have the effect of resequencing the introduction of certain math content, with Geometry preceding Algebra I. Currently, LCMS offers Algebra I and Geometry, in that order, for high school credit. While more investigation is needed, it is probable that additional testing and/or certification for math teachers will be necessary in order to continue offering Algebra I and Geometry for high school credit at the school. Dr. Medford recommended that LCMS consider funding teachers' expenses to take examinations that may be necessary to continue offering these courses. LCMS administration will seek additional clarification about this topic from the Charter Institute at Erskine and about the availability of textbooks to support the curriculum.
  - Dr. Medford briefly commented that literacy instruction in South Carolina is undergoing some changes.
- Brooke Archenhold, Governance
  - Regarding mandatory training administered by the SC Department of Education for charter school board members: The next training opportunity for board members is December 2, 2024 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Mrs. Archenhold identified the board members who need to complete the training, and

will verify whether board members who've previously completed the training but not in the last 2 years are required to go through it again.

- Mrs. Archenhold drew board members' attention to information included in the meeting packet regarding potential legislation that has been proposed in either the SC Senate or SC House of Representatives, some of which could impact LCMS if it were enacted.
- In response to a question regarding making up school days that were missed due to Hurricane Helene, Mr. Wooten noted that if the legislature does not excuse the days missed, then 3 days missed would be made up at the end of the school year and the other 3 days missed would be excused or made up at the direction of the LCMS board.
- David Wooten, Facilities
  - Mr. Wooten drew board members' attention to information from Kyle Snipes, which was included in the meeting packet, and discussed the potential measures needed to address water intrusion that's occurring around 6-7 of the school's windows and 2 doors. Mr. Wooten shared that Mr. Snipes had recommended repairing 2 windows, assessing how the repairs perform under storm conditions, then determine how to proceed with repairs to the remaining windows and doors. Mr. Wooten noted that additional information will be shared with the LCMS Foundation board and clarification will be requested regarding the responsibility for funding such repairs. Consequently, no further action was taken.
- Andrea Hyman, Treasurer
  - Mrs. Hyman drew board members' attention to LCMS Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss handouts, which were included in the meeting packet, and noted that none of the budget-related activity since the last board meeting was out of the ordinary. In response to a question regarding increased utility expenses in the October 2024, Mr. Wooten indicated he would need to investigate further to provide more explanation regarding the increase.
- Corey Shick, Chairman
  - No report.

## OLD BUSINESS

- None

## NEW BUSINESS

- Approving E-Rate Grant Assistance
  - Prior to the meeting, Corey Shick shared information with board members via email regarding the proposal for the school to engage the services of Crystal Works, a grant-writing company that partners with schools to offset various expenses through application and receipt of government grants. In addition to working with Crystal Works to pursue funding from the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Program (a.k.a. the E-Rate program), Mr. Wooten has proposed exploration of other grant opportunities that could support the update or enhancement of school technology and facility security.
    - Chasity Gonzalez made a motion authorizing the school to engage the services of Crystal Works in order to pursue additional grant funding for Langston Charter Middle School.
    - The motion was seconded by Gina Turcotte.
    - All were in favor, and the motion carried.
- Entering Executive Session
  - Brooke Archenhold made a motion that the board enter executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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- The motion was seconded by Brian McKay.
- All were favor, and the motion carried. The board entered executive session at 7:02 pm.
- End of Executive Session
  - Brooke Archenhold made a motion that the board come out of executive session.
  - The motion was seconded by Lienne Medford.
  - All were favor, and the motion carried. The board came out of executive session at 7:40 pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

### **MOTION: ADJOURN MEETING**

- Brian McKay made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Stacey Wilson.
- All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

December 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm