



Charter School Authorizing Board Meeting

January 17th, 2020

Main Campus in Boardroom

Minutes

1. Call to order at 12:49pm
2. Roll Call – Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Daryl Coons Jr., Marie Basty. Absent: Melissa Lewis and Jason Bisonette
3. Approval of today's agenda

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve today's agenda. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.

4. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve previous meeting minutes. Kyle Van Acker seconded motion. Motion carried.

5. Liaison Report

a. Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Medium Charter School

Formally the GES School was previously Authorized by the College. The Charter Board later pulled their request and resubmitted. GES has now changed their name and become Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Medium Charter School. Dr. Swagger yesterday sent an email to the state superintendent that our intention is to authorize the charter school this year. Keller and Dr. Swagger met and went over the plan going forward. Planning on getting the contract done before April so they have time to recruit. Would plan to hire someone to be in charge of the charter school on the authorizing end and leasing spaces here at the college. The tribe is working on the payment for \$90,000 for the college which the college budgeted for \$100,000. Would need to consider how long the board would want to authorize the charter school. There was concern about the charter school affecting the LCO School with enrollment. Still actively trying to find out if those students could be dually funded with LCO School and Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Medium Charter School. Tribal Governing Board assured that they would be there to support the LCO School if there are students who leave to go to the Waadookodaading Charter School. Concerns about what the charter school would do for funding after the grant ends, they didn't seem to have a plan for a specific funding source after the grant. The Charter School Authorizing board would have the ability to put in the contract that the board would be able to put the charter school on notice if they aren't following the perimeters of the contract. If the LCO School had higher enrollment, this wouldn't be



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a concern but because they have small enrollments it could greatly affect the LCO School. Hopefully have something ready for the next board meeting from Waadookodaading.

Motion – Marie Basty motioned to authorize the Charter School liaison to negotiate the contract with Waadookodaading. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.

b. Lake Country Classical Academy

The board had put together a matrix of what the board would want to authorize as a charter school. Lake Country Classical Academy doesn't fit too many of things that were listed on the matrix. Needing to figure out what the board would like to do going forward. Could possibly authorize them for a shorter time period and also provide a list of questions regarding the matrix and to see if they can answer those questions to better get an idea of if they would be a good applicant. Possibly send a team down to visit the Lake Country Classical Academy.

Motion – Kyle Van Acker motioned to authorize the Charter School liaison to continue to work with Lake Country Classical Academy to complete their application. Marie Basty seconded motion. Motion carried.

6. Other
7. Executive Session
8. Next Meeting – February 28th, 2020.
9. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 1:43 by Monica Chase.