

**LIFT FOR LIFE ACADEMY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
September 22, 2016**

**Attendees:**

Gina Wischmeyer, Secretary  
Tami Fernandez, Vice President  
Laura Kathleen Baker  
Ernie Banks  
Sandy Boxerman  
Debbie Champion  
Kate Hatfield  
Mary Jo Liberstein, Ph.D.

Marshall Cohen, Executive Director  
Katrice Noble, Ed.D. Deputy Director  
David LeMay, HS Principal  
Jennifer Bush, Development Manager  
Michal Grace, Business Manager  
Amber Johansen, Institutional Advancement Manager  
Susan Kelter, Community Relations & Volunteer Manager  
Andrea Zeiter, LFLA Teacher Board Liaison  
Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, Dean College of Education, SEMO  
Dr. Laura Brock, SEMO Liaison

At 4:00 Gina Wischmeyer called the meeting to order, in President Scott Dolan's absence.

**I. MISSION MOMENT – TABLED**

**II. BOARD MEMBER VOLUNTEER BINDER**

Susan Kelter introduced members to a system of tracking their volunteer hours for Board service and other venues where they represent LFLA.

**III. VOTING ITEMS**

**A. Approval of August Minutes - TABLED** because members did not receive minutes in the Board Packet for review.

**B. Consent & Approval of September Checks**

Based on Finance Committee recommendation, Debbie Champion moved to **approve September checks**. Motion seconded by Mary Jo Liberstein and passed unanimously.

**IV. Education Committee – Dr. Mary Jo Liberstein**

- The Education Committee has two new members, Sheila Gurley, Former Head of The College School, and Barbara Kohm, former principal of Captain Elementary School in Clayton.
- Profession Development's focus is on formative assessments, as a part of daily instruction, to determine if students are on track.
- Literacy Initiative is continuing school wide this year. Every teacher of every subject will focus on students being able to read, write and speak well.
- Continuing alignment of LFLA curriculum to align with revised state standards.
- As a part of our Strategic Plan, we are working on how to tell our story and how it helps students, to that end a mission moment will be held within the Education Committee that can be shared with Marketing.

**A. Deputy Director Report – Dr. Katrice Noble**

- We are waiting on receiving final APR scores before new goals are developed.
- Enrollment is increasing – 256 in Middle School and 322 in High School.
- Weekly walk-throughs are continuing with a goal of visiting every class at least one time per week. Administrators are looking for teachers using *“Teach Like A Champion”* and *“SLANT”*.

**B. Middle School Dashboard**

- Attendance is short of goal but we are experiencing growth.
- These numbers will be the baseline for measuring growth next year.

**C. High School Dashboard – David LeMay**

- Data is coming out late, so LFLA does not have comparable district data.
- Progress is consistent and on track with our Charter contract.
- Hopefully final data will be presented at October Board meeting.

Marshall Cohen shared with the Board a map of where LFLA students reside. Most live in zip codes with high rates of poverty.

**V. SEMO — Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson and Dr. Laura Brock**

Dr. Rogers-Adkinson said Provost and President are willing to meet with LFLA leadership. As soon as the objectives of the meeting are set, she will schedule the meeting.

Dr. Brock reported:

- She has been attending committee meetings and is learning a lot and will increase her visits to classrooms.
- Charter renewal visits will begin later this fall.
- Encouraged the Board to take advantage of Board training resources available from the Missouri School Boards' Association.

**VI. Development - Tami Fernandez**

Tami Fernandez reported that the Committee has:

- Met with the production company to ensure that the Fashion Show message links closely to the LFLA mission.
- Will be generating monthly Board Reports regarding income and interactions
  - Since the beginning of this school year, there have been 350 donor interactions, 45 in-person meetings and 14 tours.
  - Stewardship letters went out in August. This will be an annual activity.

**A. Capital Campaign Update – No Report**

**VII. Operations Committee – Debbie Champion**

- No major issues regarding LFLA lawsuits.
- Sandy Boxerman is leading the Foundation-creation initiative.
- Will have a Dashboard for next meeting.

**VIII. Finance Committee – Michal Grace**

**A. August YTD Financials**

- Michal Grace reported that the Dashboard remains in yellow for GOAL 1 due to the impact of the DESE revised calculations.
- Administrators are meeting and developing a plan to close the funding gap.
- Audit is expected to be distributed to the Board in November.

**IX. Other – NONE**

**X. Closed Session. NONE**

**XI. Adjournment.**

Kate Hatfield moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Debbie Champion and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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Gina Wischmeyer, for Scott Dolan

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Jennifer Bush for Secretary