

**LIFT FOR LIFE ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
October 27, 2016**

Attendees:

Scott Dolan, President	Marshall Cohen, Executive Director
Tami Fernandez, Vice President	Katrice Noble, Ed.D. Deputy Director
Gina Wischmeyer, Secretary	David LeMay, HS Principal
Ernie Banks	Jeff Edwards, Middle School Principal
Jeff Bensky, Ph.D.	Jennifer Bush, Development Manager
Sandy Boxerman	Michal Grace, Business Manager
Jack Burke, Ph.D.	Amber Johansen, Institutional Advancement Manager
Debbie Champion	Andrea Zeiter, LFLA Teacher Board Liaison
Kate Hatfield	Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, Dean College of Education, SEMO
Brian Liberman	

At 4:00PM, President Scott Dolan called the meeting to order.

I. Mission Minute

Marshall Cohen introduced, LFLA Math Teacher Jennifer Boring, who is the soccer coach. Ms. Boring congratulated the Boys' Soccer team for finishing 2nd in District. The team started the season with 9 members and now has 17. Girls' Soccer starts in March.

Other LFLA athletic accomplishments include Girls Volleyball finishing 3rd in District.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of August 2016 Board Minutes**
- B. Approval of September 2016 Board Minutes**
- C. Consent & Approval of October Checks**

There being no questions or revisions, Sandy Boxerman moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Ernie Banks and passed unanimously.

III. Education Committee – Gina Wischmeyer

Gina turned report over to Dr. Noble.

- **MAP, EOC & APR Reports - Dr. Katrice Noble**
- Dr. Noble reviewed LFLA's expected MSIP5 (Missouri School Improvement Plan Cycle 5) results. For the 2015-16 school year overall Lift For Life Academy APR score is 67.5%. APR Scores are reported as a district. High School scored 86.8% and Middle School scored 30%. The poor performance of the Middle School drove down the overall LFLA scores. This is in large part due to incoming 6th graders on average learning at a 3rd grade level. With a score of 67.5%, LFLA is "provisionally accredited." As a provisionally accredited school, Lift For Life Academy will become a MO DESE Focus school. This will afford LFLA additional services and resources to improve academic performance.
- The school wide updated Performance Plan will be presented at the November Board meeting. This plan is based on the SEMO/LFLA Performance Plan and the LFLA contract with SEMO. Scott Dolan noted that this plan will be presented to SEMO at the upcoming meeting with the President and Provost.

- **Middle School Dashboard – Jeff Edwards**
 - We have 255 Middle School students.
 - Through Mission 1, Middle School has met or exceeded all targets/goals.
- **High School Dashboard – David LeMay**
 - We have 323 High School students.
 - Through October, High School has met or exceeded all targets/goals.

IV. SEMO — Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson

Dr. Rogers-Adkinson reported

- As a result of two consecutive years of not meeting APR, SEMO must put LFLA on probation.
- SEMO is committed to targeting funding to services will improve APR.
- Steve Langhorst, DESE STL Charter Schools Field Director, will visit LFLA first week in November, to review LFLA's provisional accreditation and charter renewal.
 - Must focus on story of growth and value added.
- Within the St. Louis Charter community – 6 schools scored Unaccredited, 10 Provisionally Accredited and 20 Accredited.

V. Development - Tami Fernandez

Tami Fernandez reported that the Committee has:

- Happy Hour on November 8 at Urban Chestnut with a portion of proceeds to benefit Lift For Life Academy.
- 7th Annual Celebrating Success Fashion Show, May 7, 2017 – Noon Ritz Carlton.
- **Capital Campaign Update – Amber Johansen**
 - Major increase in pledge payments expected in 4th quarter.

VI. Operations Committee – Debbie Champion

- Performance Plan will be sent to Members for discussion/vote at November meeting.
- Sandy Boxerman is leading the Foundation-creation initiative. Forms are in the hands of LFLA for review.
- Kate Hatfield has renewed the stipend for Outstanding Staff Member Award.
- Committee has added new members:
 - Ernie Banks
 - Michael Dumsky
 - Alexis Travers
 - Simone Cummings

VII. Finance Committee – Brian Liberman

- **September YTD Financials**
 - The Dashboard remains in yellow for GOAL 1 due to the impact of the DESE revised calculations.
 - We are on target for where we expect to be for this time of year.
 - LFLA will be out of covenant with the bank until after the first of the year. The bank is aware of this condition and has not included any stipulations in their renewal contract with the school.

VIII. Other

- Scott Dolan reported that the Executive Committee has finalized the Executive Director's goals for his Performance review. These goals focus on Academics, Finance and Operations.
- Scott Dolan recognized Marshall for speaking to the Wednesday Club and for our students participating in their poetry competition
- Marshall Cohen expressed appreciation of Dr. Rogers-Adkinson's commitment to Lift For Life Academy and said by working together he is sure that we can achieve and sustain success for our students.

IX. Closed Session - NONE

X. Adjournment

Brian Liberman moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Sandy Boxerman and passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Dolan, President

Jennifer Bush for Gina Wischmeyer, Secretary