

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2019

Board Members Present: Mark Mogge, Allen Sherwood, Becky Hooper, Allison Osteen, Lloyd Silva, Matthew Littleton, Steve Duzan, Tim Fuller, Kerry Tucker, Cathy Moore, Stephanie Price

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, Principal; Patsy Smith, Director

Call to Order: The YLA board held its monthly meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Learning Institute Board Room #1. Stephanie Price called the meeting to order. Matthew Littleton motioned, and Allen Sherwood seconded the motion.

Public Report: NA

Previous Month Minutes Approved: Board members reviewed and approved minutes from September 9, 2019. Matthew Littleton made motion to accept, and Lloyd Silva seconded, with unanimous approval.

Financial Statement: Principal Sandee Blankenship provided clarification regarding chargers for Chromebooks – chargers were purchased to serve as spares when students do not have theirs at school. Screen replacement for Chromebook is actually paid for by students; last month's financial statement showed the student payment. Becky Hooper made a motion to accept financial statements, Cathy Moore made motion to second, with unanimous approval.

School Report: Principal Sandee Blankenship presented a school report:

The first "Coffee with the Principal" went very well. Twenty-six people came, and Principal Blankenship presented the book *Extreme Ownership*. Principal Blankenship also sent information out to parents, and 64 responses were returned. The first volunteer training occurred and went well, and 6th grade parent night went well. Students and parents are getting adjusted to new routines. 8th grade has toured the career center, and registration for them to attend will start occurring next month; *Habitudes* is continuing – Iceberg metaphor on building character is the next topic; first House Games was successful – Lovell Construction sponsored shaved ice; recently personnel visited from another district – she was very impressed with our students; first overnight trip went well; student-led projects are occurring – a group of 7th graders completely organized the September 11th memorial day, and they did an outstanding job; more student-led initiatives are coming this school year – 8th graders will be leading Veterans Day; 8th graders will be leading BurpeeThon to raise money for Beckett Roper – we are hoping to think BIG by reaching out to larger named athletes and coaches to support the fundraiser; Matthew Littleton offered to make connections for students to call possible supporters; PE classes are doing student led projects by grade level (BurpeeThon, greenhouse, lunch menu); 6th grade completed Long Walk to Water in which they raised money for Sudan; 6th grade will be going to the Charleston Aquarium (overnight stay) then Sewee; 8th grade will be traveling to Dollywood (forces in motion).

New business: Review of YLA school report card – specifically reviewed ratings; we received an overall rating of "Good" b/c our student progress was below average – for each student, there is a projection on how well he/she will do with testing. If a 3rd grader scores higher and exceeds progress, that student's progress from the following year will be used to rate him/her on progress. Stephanie Price verified the normalizing effect – a leveling effect when high achieving students normalize, and growth/progress

slows; we still did very well in comparison to other middle schools in the region. In all areas, we surpassed the district and the state. Matthew Littleton and Stephanie Price encouraged Principal Blankenship and Director Smith to keep the staff and students encouraged because they are doing a great job.

Golf Carts – TPSA and YLA Golf Cart Policy and Procedure, Patsy shared extra copies of policy and procedure, Board members reviewed and voted to approve– Matthew Littleton moved to accept, Allen Sherwood seconded, the motion to approve passed with no opposition.

Old business: The greenhouse has been moved, storage cleaned out to make space for conference room, busting up concrete pads, expansion is happening.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: NA

Executive Session: NA

Adjournment: Lloyd Silva made motion to adjourn. Stephanie Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine R. Moore

Secretary