



# LOTUS

SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE

## Lotus School for Excellence School Board Meeting Minutes

**Mission:** Lotus School for Excellence provides a safe learning environment and a rigorous college preparatory curriculum supported by a diverse, dedicated community.

**Vision:** Our vision is to create well-rounded and global minded citizens who are prepared for a college education in order to pursue careers in S.T.E.A.M. fields and become contributing members of the community.

<b>Date</b>	August 12, 2021
<b>Time</b>	6:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	This meeting will be held virtually due to COVID-19. Please click on this link to access the Lotus Board Meeting via Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87314076963?pwd=NmNKekVVOUlzTURjankvbmFZbm9Ndz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87314076963?pwd=NmNKekVVOUlzTURjankvbmFZbm9Ndz09</a>

<b>Board Members in Attendance</b>	Don Knapp, Board President Nuran Yilmaz, Board Member
<b>Board Members Absent</b>	Haregewoin Weledmariam, Board Treasurer Oguz Akkas, Board Member Angela Velez-Reyes, Board Secretary
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Tim Farmer, Attorney Mr. Bart Skidmore, CPA
<b>Executive Director</b>	Brett Williams
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	Taken by Sarah Cochran

1. Preliminary

Agenda Item	Who	Notes
1.1 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order	Board President	Meeting was not called to order. There was not a quorum and board business cannot occur without a quorum.

1. Reports

**No official business was conducted, but individuals at the meeting did report what they had prepared for informational purposes only.**

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5.1 Financial Report	Mr. Bart Skidmore, CPA	<p>Audit is underway - onsite 8/13                      Surplus has reduced, still in compliance                      Schools in great financial state</p> <p>Due to added expenses, coming in over revision that was made back in January. Don will receive a revised resolution.</p>
5.2 Athletic Report	Mr. Deon Jackson	<p>July Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Summer club</li> <li>● Skill development has grown</li> </ul> <p>Kids fundraised for their annual Vegas Classic                      Fall sports in full swing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Middle School                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Volleyball</li> </ul> </li> <li>● High School                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Volleyball (Girls)</li> <li>○ Soccer (Boys)</li> <li>○ Cross Country (B, G)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All games will be Live Streamed</p>
5.3 School Report	Mr. Brett Wiliams	<p>17 months since we've been in the building, Welcome Back!!</p> <p>Crowded parking lot in the morning and afternoon.                      Temperature check for every student entering the building.</p> <p>Inservice - 7 days for teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learning to be trauma informed</li> <li>● Department meetings</li> <li>● PLC</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grade level meetings</li> <li>● New teacher orientation</li> <li>● Room preparation time</li> <li>● Team building - escape room</li> </ul> <p>Temporary workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Help getting the building ready</li> <li>● Could not have done it without them</li> </ul> <p>IT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Akmal and IT working around the clock to get school ready</li> </ul> <p>Admin Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Working very hard, late into the evenings</li> </ul> <p>School Accountability Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will sponsor back to school night</li> <li>● August 30th - first official meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unified improvement plan (feedback)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Will provide childcare</li> </ul> <p>Back to School night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● August 24th</li> <li>● SAC</li> <li>● Hybrid approach</li> <li>● Interpreters for all 5 major languages</li> </ul> <p>Charter School Renewal Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beginning to work on initial narrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Look at how we have implemented areas that we said we'd work on 5 years ago.</li> <li>○ Areas of growth</li> <li>○ Areas of challenges</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Due date October 1st</li> <li>● APS board of education November 3rd</li> <li>● Followed by district vote to extend</li> <li>● 5 years resets in July</li> </ul>
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