



Lotus School for Excellence

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.

Board Meeting Agenda 08.22.2024; 6:00pm
11001 E Alameda Ave. Aurora, CO 80012

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87380859360?pwd=FKt9PIJl9atQ1TQs3BrMGBWrtKgYoN.1>

1. Preliminary

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
1.1 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order		Board President	Nalcaci, Kara, Nasir, Arslan, Mr. Skidmore, Kavi, Underwood, Elchin, Reyes (ab), Keith (ab)	1 min
1.2 Pledge of Allegiance		Board President	607p	1 min
1.3 Moment of silence		Board Secretary	Commemorating the life and services of Jeff Quiggley - LSE founding member who recently passed away. (Moment of Silence for services to Lotus). Kavi shared Mr. Quiggley was very happy when the school opened to serve a diverse population. Was a retired school psychologist and Spanish teacher.	1 min
1.4 Roll Call (Establish Quorum)		Board Secretary		1 min
1.5 Edits to Agenda		Any Member	none	2 mins
1.6 Adopt Agenda		Any Member	Kavi -motion to accept 2nd - Elchin 3 yeses Accepted Unanimously	3-5 mins

1.7 Approval of July 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes		Any Member	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iX42b1yRynDmOssTSiqDUF-BFf17BSVA/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=107678858046613347169&rtpof=true&sd=true Kavi-Motion Elchin-2nd Vote-3 yeases	3-5 mins
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2. Public Comment – The Board is desirous to hear the comments of the community. We invite you to address the Board concerning relevant, school-related issues. Public comment is not designed to be a two-way conversation, and members of the board will generally not respond to comments or questions. However, follow-up will take place as deemed appropriate. No charges or complaints against individuals shall be made. Such concerns are better handled through the school’s grievance process. Defamatory or abusive remarks or profanity shall be considered out of order and shall not be tolerated.
- If a large group of participants wish to give the same opinion or speak to the same topic, the board may ask that a representative be appointed to share said opinion. The school board may choose to limit the Public Comment to 20 minutes for sake of time. Thank you for participating in our Public Comment.

Name	Comment
Coach Jackson	<p>-50 kids signed up for soccer -42 kids out for vball -Cross country tryouts next week -Girls VB- our program hasn’t been great but 30 some kids came to tryout this year -Boys Soccer-38 boys out there.</p> <p>Going to have 2 full middle school soccer teams and for volleyball will have A, B, C teams</p> <p>Boys Soccer-huge team</p> <p>Girls vball-have to make cuts Maybe make a club</p> <p>All good problems to have</p> <p>Reduced athletic fee from \$75 to \$50</p> <p>Summer: Boys program-did a lot of community</p>

	<p>service around campus. Also did a carwash. Played a total of 30 basketball games this summer. Last 2 weeks had boys soccer camp. Also did Elementary camp for the kids as well.</p> <p>Athletics rolling back the right way. Now cleaning up behavior.</p> <p>5th grade athletics-</p> <p>We were kicked out of all of our leagues. DSST will allow us back in the winter and spring.</p> <p>In a good spot and keep the momentum going and pay coaches appropriately.</p>

3. Consent Agenda –The entire consent agenda is a way for multiple items to be voted on and approved with one motion, one second, and one affirmative vote. Any Board member may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda, and if so it will be moved to the Action Items for further discussion.

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
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4. Legal Compliance

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
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5. Reports

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
5.1 Financial Report		B. Skidmore	<p>FY2024 increased from year prior. Balance sheet-2.2 more than same period last year. 172k increase from grants,etc. Sept 9th transportation claim form needs to be filed.</p> <p>Mr. Skidmore shared current standing. Audits coming up. (Info share with district and then the state to track spending). August financials due 9/25. Page 11/21 days of cash on hand (95 days) using the metric of spendrate. Benchmark (65 days). Page 6/21, using projection, if we increase fund balance by 900k, we will end up at 106 days. Large budget (16Mil) this year. (42k daily spending budget). (12,190 per student currently. Other per student revenues coming in too), (mill levy about 3k per kid). (Total almost 17 per kid includes grants, PPRinterest income, etc).</p> <p>Finance Policy sent out to the board. All statues references are up to speed as well. Things look really good especially with enrollment being up.</p> <p>The Governor's Budget Release will come up in November.</p>	10 min

			<p>Arslan Question to Skidmore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Special Education Legal Reserve (aps 50k/Lotus 50k) put in an interest bearing account. -All districts receive different per pupil funding. PPR will increase this year from last year. -We made the 1st cut for the BEST grant but we were not chosen. (Skidmore shared that APS does allocate funds to Charters from Bond monies specifically for technology and security). 	
5.2 School Report		Mr. Nalcaci	<p>After Summer Break we completed our PD days. These session provided the staff with days dedicated to preparing staff. (Began Secondary Aug 8th, Elementary Aug 12 smoothly). Our team is fully staffed and ready for the academic year.</p> <p>Enrollment number 991. Our effort will continue. Fresh news, would like to increase enrollment cap to 1200 from 1000. Last Tuesday evening, this was approved by the APS board. Important for our future growth plan.</p> <p>Also requested a presentation from E/S admin results.</p> <p>Underwood: Exciting start to the school year. Graph reflects 3rd through 4th grade ELA/Math/Science. 3rd and 4th grade ELA were at or above. Will continue to focus on Power standards.</p>	10 min

		<p>5th grade knocked it out of the park. In multiple categories were above the state. Want to get the meets and exceeds category increased. PLC will increase. Tutoring blocks embedded during the day (Interventions) to support math/reading. Clubs and tutoring will start after labor day. Coach Jackson will start 5th grade athletics. Only one staff member transferred to a new school. Added Miss Edwards to CLDE. Majority of staff returned.</p> <p>Nalcaci: We are targeting to go above the state breakdowns.</p> <p>Kavi: We should recognize 5th grade teachers for their work.</p> <p>Kara: Had a meeting with the team today Gathers, instructional coaches, etc.</p> <p>6-8 Date- 2023-2024 Math Data: District 11.6 Lotus 9.8</p> <p>Started to compare math for 7th (2023) and 6th grade (2024). Some students' scores dropped. (Data shows significant decrease).</p> <p>Instructional Coaches will focus on coaching the teachers. This year starting with a good behavior plan. Character.org being brought to the school (Nationally Recognized). Athletics back-students are happier. MTSS services implemented.</p>	
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			<p>Clubs and Science Fair K-12 starting soon.</p> <p>PSAT (11th grade ?) -School went down from 33% to 19% -District went down 23% to 19%.</p> <p>PSAT 10th grade 18% to 25% (district went up 3% points). State went down. 72 students took it.</p> <p>Nalcaci: 1/3 of upper population left last year. (190 left). This year we will implement compensating strategies. Targeting to find achievement this school year. We have good teacher teams. Mobility rate of students was very high last year.</p> <p>Kavi: do we offer SAT prep?</p> <p>Kara: Yes and there will be more options this year.</p> <p>Nalcaci: Thank you board members for your support and dedication.</p>	
5.3 School Board Reports:		A.Reyes	<p>Board report on the LSE administration/staff kickoff.</p> <p>Arslan shared Reyes notes...</p> <p>Enjoyed the first day of school. She was more enthusiastic about this school year.</p>	5 min
		A.Reyes	<p>Discussion/vote for MCT Theatre Fall and Spring performances</p>	5 min

			Kara/Nalcaci: Miss Reyes recommended this program.	
		A.Reyes	Discussion of Dr. Jones' hiring without permission. Is there anyone else/position we should know about? Discuss in closed session.	5 min

6. Action Items

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6.1 Updated LSE Financial Policy	Vote	Arslan/Nalcaci	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HsoUG8x89z3sdIYZiHDbK7ADlgGkO45B/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=107678858046613347169&rtpof=true&sd=true Met as a team with Reyes, Kara, Nalcaci, Skidmore, Angela. Nalcaci: Based on board feedback we came together and revised the financial policy. Not sure if you have had the opportunity to review. Kavi: Any important changes? Nalcaci: No sir. Motion-Kavi Elchin- 2nd Vote 3 yeses	5 min
6.2 2024 LSE Staff Handbook review and Approval	Vote	Nalcaci- updated to keep up with new standards	24-25 LSE Staff Handbook Draft BDC Review REDLINE.docx	10 min

		<p>Added/edited parts. Updated link shared with board members.</p> <p>Organizational Chart not added into the handbook for this year. (It is a draft and I want your opinion to make it final). Chart shared.</p> <p>Maybe outsource someone to communicate with staff (Weekly Digest)</p> <p>Kavi: There were a couple of emergency situations last year and parents had a hard time communicating with the school. This still needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Arslan: Bryce made edits to the handbook.</p> <p>Arslan: Make a</p>		
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		<p>motion to accept Kavi: motion Elchin: 2nd All 3 yeses.</p> <p>Question came in chat about tatoos/piercing clause to have it removed. Arslan said it would be hard to cover the body completely and not dress in a distracting manner. Kavi agrees with that and suggests to bring it to the staff. Nalcaci: It is common practice of many school districts. Kavi: should we add a clause to define inappropriate. Arslan: It is open to debate. Nalcaci: Not against tatoos or piercings -cover excessive ones. If you want to</p>		
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		<p>change the language a little bit.</p> <p>Kavi/Arslan: Approve but clarify the verbage (Offensive, inappropriate, nudity, profanity, etc).</p> <p>Nalcaci: I'll work on this part and bring the suggestion to the next meeting.</p>		
6.3 2024 LSE Elementary and Secondary Student Handbook review and Approval	Vote	<p>Arslan: Make a motion</p> <p>Nalcaci-at last board meeting we shared the edits. Bryce reviewed it and made some minor changes and it is ready for Board approval.</p> <p>Kavi: Motion Elchin: 2nd All 3 yeses</p>	<p>2024-2025 Secondary Student Handbook (Pending Board Approval) BDC Review CLEAN.docx</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Y3iMcm16YjVv-dmfBUc2ogpkYU7ZxIcHaGtLrmAN2DY/edit?usp=sharing</p>	10 min
6.4 Board member Oath of Office			Handout given for members to sign.	5 min

6.5 Amendment to Charter School Contract	Vote	Nalcaci	A copy of the document was emailed. Handouts given at the meeting. This is for increasing the enrollment cap. APS board president and superintendent signed the amendment.	5 Min.
6.6 Maker Space modular building and Mod Restroom Quotes	Vote	Nalcaci	<p>Mentioned at previous meetings, we are asking to have a modular building to serve as a maker space-classroom sight for PLCW engineering, handson activities, 3d printers, animations, Size 3,000 sq ft.</p> <p>Got 3 quotes from companies. (see docs).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobile Modular (nationwide company). Size would 48x68. \$465k 2. Eagle Creek (installed existing mods and relocated some last summer) \$475k same size and not included installation and site work 3. Mountain West Modular (Local company). \$311k not including site work and installation. <p>*Still consulting a general contractor as well.</p> <p>Kavi-How about restroom one?</p> <p>Nalcaci: Got</p>	10 Min.

			<p>another quote. (Currently, have 4 classes outside...)</p> <p>Soccer Field, students have to come in from main field.</p> <p>Asked Mountain West prepared another quote for dedicated restroom modular. (see handout). (144k)</p> <p>Arslan: You are recommending the quote from Mountain West? Nalcaci: We do not paid all at once. We will use lease to own option. There is a possibility to pay from current budget. Divide this over 10-15 years.</p> <p>Motion to accept MW Classroom Building-lease to purchase.</p> <p>Motion to accept MW Bathrooms</p> <p>Motion: Kavi Elchin 2nd Vote: 3 yeses</p> <p>*Authorizing Nalcaci to continue negotiations on this topic.</p> <p>Nalcaci: He will</p>
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			<p>ask them to combine quotes.</p> <p>Permit: will take 4 to 6 months. Manufacture and Install: 4-6 months. Targeting to have beginning of 2nd semester.</p> <p>Not happy with the previous company with fees and service quality.</p>	
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7. Discussion Items

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7.1 Adding PreK and New Facility Discussion	Discuss	Nalcaci	<p>With increasing enrollment perhaps we could start a preK for this year or not.</p> <p>The permit takes a lot of time. It can take 6 weeks to 6 months. Nalcaci contacted APS and we will have a meeting with them. (ECE Director). After this meeting we will know more. I want to add Pre-K program for Lotus for next academic year. I will try to do this year if possible.</p> <p>Mentioned TurnKey Facility is ready to go. Condition is good and visited facility with Mr. Kara and Mr. Robey. Over 30k sq ft. Previously a K-6. Communication with the owner and realtor is still ongoing. I would</p>	10 min

			<p>like the board to come with us to visit the facility to get your opinion. (site tour next week).</p> <p>Kavi: could it be a Saturday? or Tues (late), Wed (early), Thurs for next week between</p> <p>Arslan: Lunch time 1130-2p. This Sat and next not available. Later afternoon okay too like 4/430</p> <p>Nalcaci: will reach out to Angela R. Will try to schedule on Tues and Wed. Mr. Elchin, do you want to participate? Tues/ Wed between 1130-2p. (With work it will be difficult).</p>	
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8. Next Steps

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
5.1 Adjourn board meeting		Board President	Make a motion to adjourn. (749p) Motion, 2nd, Vote Kavi, Elchin, Arslan 3 yeases	2 min
5.2 Scheduling next board meeting		Board President	September 12th onsite and zoom	2 min
5.3 Request for agenda at next board meeting		Board President		2 min