



### 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.

### [ZOOM LINK](#)

### Board Meeting Agenda 03.20.2025 6:00pm

#### 1. Preliminary

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
1.1 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order		Board President	Zikri Arslan, Board President-present Angelina Velez-Reyes, Treasurer-via phone Alptekin Kavi, Board Member-present Elcin Alibayli, Board Member-absent Timur Mangliyev, Parent Board Member-present	1 min
1.2 Pledge of Allegiance		Board President		1 min
1.3 Roll Call (Establish Quorum)		Board Secretary	Arslan-present Angelina-present Kavi-present Elcin-absent/Joined later via Zoom Timur-present	1 min
1.4 Edits to Agenda		Any Member	none	2 mins
1.5 Adopt Agenda	Vote	Any Member	First-Kavi Second-Arslan Yes- 4 yeses	3-5 mins
1.6 Approval of Minutes 02.13.2025 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote	Any Member	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1udtwaGSZ65OKK7nDnBficVmcgmqeRRYA/edit?usp=drive_link&amp;ouid=107678858046613347169&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1udtwaGSZ65OKK7nDnBficVmcgmqeRRYA/edit?usp=drive_link&amp;ouid=107678858046613347169&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>	3-5 mins

			Motion-Kavi Second-Angela Reyes Yes-4 yeses. Unanimously accepted.	
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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
	n/a

3. Consent Agenda

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
N/A	Vote			1 min

4. Reports

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
4.1 Financial Report		B. Skidmore	February financials report -most metrics will be at 67%  Budget- Revenues- Expecting a surplus of 1M+ Enrollment cap increase also contributes to that.  Received some additional	10 min

		<p>funding for the at risk population 189k vs 125k</p> <p>Will receive more in the title funding 10-15k range</p> <p>Balance sheet-cash looks good 445,000 less than prior year.</p> <p>Cash 4.1M</p> <p>YOY: +265k</p> <p>Liabilities increased by 64k</p> <p>Last year the district was funding one month in advance. This year is different.</p> <p>Compliance: Due next week</p> <p>DCC: up 44k per day</p> <p>Covenant is 60 days of cash</p> <p>Margin: 1.41M (35%)</p> <p>DSCR: ratio is at 3.5 times of coverage and min req is 1.1 times. Won't have any challenge meeting that metric.</p> <p>Expecting a 3.3% increase based off state website</p> <p>Cuts will need to be made with the state's budget.</p> <p>Our population has a greater need than the district schools and project us to be fine.</p> <p>Working on some grants. The BEST grant is in process. Bryce, counsel for LSE posted articles on the SOS website,</p>	
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			recently.	
4.2 School Report:		Mr. Nalcaci	<p>School Community came back from Spring Break, we followed the APS calendar.</p> <p>The meetings with Bellwether started 6 weeks ago and still continue every week.</p> <p>Three months ago, I started working on an extension/ construction project. Construction Company changed their name recently and were invited to attend today's meeting. (Project meetings are happening weekly-Blueprint team-architect, civil engineer, etc).</p> <p>Cost: 12M-16M</p> <p>Targeting next month to apply for permits.</p> <p>Targeting to collect the bids and proposals, close end of May.</p> <p>Site work -end of August</p> <p>It will be a 2-story building (30k sq ft). It will accommodate PreK-3rd grade).</p> <p>-Added a 3k maker space to this building.</p> <p>2. Exciting News</p> <p>-Feb 28th Science Fair Team participated. Mr. Ermek will provide more details. One of the projects secured 1st place, one earned 2nd place, and one student earned 2 special</p>	10 min

		<p>awards. The next stop is the April 3rd to 15th Colorado State Science Fair.</p> <p>Speech and Debate had 3 students who will advance to the final round. We want to recognize the students and staff. Mid-June is Des Moines, Iowa.</p> <p>MS's history team participated in a contest on March 15th at the Aurora DT Campus. Sixteen of our LSE students are regional winners, and in five weeks, they will attend the state conference. (Nationals will be in DC for those who advance.)</p> <p>Ermek: Seniors are getting their acceptance letters. One student got accepted to MIT (above Harvard) , the top college in the nation.</p> <p>Once decisions are announced, then the students will receive their financial aid winners. He extended his heartfelt gratitude for supporting the growth of our students. Another student was also accepted to North Western with a 400k scholarship.</p> <p>Nalcaci: We are expecting more IV league acceptance letters.</p> <p>Angela: It's all very exciting. It's great to hear we're back in the science fairs, speeches, and debates. Great job!</p> <p>Nalcaci: Robotic teams have started at all levels. We plan</p>	
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			<p>to participate in competitions with strong teams next year.</p> <p>Arslan: The school needs to publicize photographs of projects, etc. This is all good news.</p>	
		Coach	<p>Athletics Report (Jackson):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speech and Debate fit under CHASA. Big Kudos to the coaches for having the kiddos ready and prepped. (Sheerer/Matthews).</li> <li>-E Sports program made it to the championship. (CHASA). (We are in year 1). Super huge! Coach Russell!!</li> <li>-Robotics- a robotic coach hired and he will be in the building 8 hours a week getting the kids ready. (CHASA).</li> <li>-Fall sports made the playoff run and made it to the sweet 16.</li> <li>-9-12 athletics thriving.</li> <li>-Elementary Sports Program</li> <li>-volleyball, basketball, flag football, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Angela: Thank you coach Jackson for all of your hardwork and for repairing the damage done with CHASA. Thanks for bringing that back. CHASA is a huge platform so we can compete at a high level.</p> <p>Mr. Kara and Coach visited the CHASA office and he met the commissioner, Mike</p>	

			Krueger. It was a good meeting.	
		Nalcaci	<p>Enrollment for applications is ongoing. (30k applications have been mailed to addresses, and social media efforts are being run.) I want to increase the number of students to reach my target.</p> <p>Next month is CMAS testing. Teachers are working hard to get the students ready. 3rd-5th</p> <p>March 28th, professional development day. No contact day for students. April 10th, next board meeting.</p> <p>April 14-21st CMAS, PSAT, SAT testing</p> <p>April 25 Professional Development Day</p> <p>April 26 Spring Carnival</p> <p>May 5-Last SAC meeting</p> <p>May 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week</p> <p>May 7 Multicultural Event "Taste of Lotus" 5p-7p</p> <p>May 7 Invited Senator Iman Jodeh to visit the school.</p> <p>Kavi: Thanks for the great results and news.</p> <p>Arslan: Kudos to all of you. All good news.</p> <p>Angela: It is fantastic to hear all the wonderful reports.</p>	

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4.3 School Board Reports		Any Board Member	Angela wanted to apologize that she couldn't attend the Charter School Conference due to illness.	10 min

## 5. Action Items

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5.1 HVAC Maintenance Agreement renewal	Vote	M.Nalcaci Mr. Robey	<p>We want to have a more comprehensive maintenance scope of work. The HVAC system is old. Several (3) Quotes were suggested.</p> <p>A link is forwarded to the spreadsheet document that summarizes the reports.</p> <p>Hayes is the recommendation</p> <p>Arslan: Asked about the scope of the bids.</p> <p>Long technologies need a 30-day notice to discontinue the contract.</p> <p>Haynes is a quarterly payment (\$9,996). (Long monthly)</p> <p>Arslan: Motion to accept the contract with Haynes.</p> <p>Kavi: on the condition that he asks for a rate deduction to match the other rate. (\$167). Robey: They said they would match.</p> <p>Motion: Angela 2nd: Elchin</p>	20 min



			Votes: Arslan-y, Kavi-y, Angela-Y, Timur-Y	
5.2 Admission Policy update	Vote	M.Nalcaci	<p>(Sharing Screen)</p> <p>CDE announced a facility grant. One condition for applying for this grant is that some of the enrollment policy parts be updated.</p> <p>-We proposed to change the language in three sections regarding staff members' children. Staff student population percentage 2.5% (but to be safe set it to not exceed 10%). Also added, board members children with a cap of 2%. Exempt group of the lottery was made clear. (Returning students, siblings of returning students, children of staff members, children of board members).</p> <p>If we make these changes then we could qualify to apply for the facilities grant with CDE.</p> <p>Motion: Arslan 2nd: Angela Yeses: 5 yeses. Unanimously accepted</p>	5 min
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## 6. Discussion

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
6.1 Need 600 chromebooks for next	Discuss	Mr. Burhonov	We need to replace broken ones and add	5 min

year			<p>more to elementary. We also need to have devices available for new students. The approximate cost is \$250 each (\$150,000 total). Nalcaci wants to add this to next year's budget.</p> <p>Nasir: We want to purchase over summer break. The current chrome books were purchased with a grant. (They need to be purchased from this year's budget.) 30% of the inventory is broken.</p> <p>Angela: Damage clause, negligent? What are we doing to limit that 30-40%?</p> <p>Nasir: We don't have a protection plan on these. If we paid 100% and we only have 30% of damaged chromebooks we are paying a lot more for protection.</p> <p>He is looking for certified refurbished which potentially could save us some money.</p> <p>Arslan: Bring the quotes to the next meeting and I think we can work it out.</p> <p>Angela: This is a huge expense and we need to help students understand the value of the chromebooks.</p> <p>Nasir explained Policy</p>	
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6.2	Discuss			5 min
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## 7. Next Steps

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Materials/Documents for Review</b>	<b>Time</b>
8.1 Scheduling next board meeting		Board President	April 17, 2025 6p	2 mins
8.2 Requests for agenda at the next board meeting		Board President		2 mins

## 8. Adjourn the meeting

Motion: Arslan

2nd: Angela

5 yeses

7:23p