



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 04.17.2025 6:00pm

1. Preliminary

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
1.1 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order		Board President	checked for board members in attendance	1 min
1.2 Pledge of Allegiance		Board President	done	1 min
1.3 Roll Call (Establish Quorum)		Board Secretary	Arslan: here, Reyes: present via zoom, Kavi: present via zoom, Alibayli: present via zoom, Mangliyev: present via zoom	1 min
1.4 Edits to Agenda		Any Member	added agenda regarding PTO, work time, NO EDITS, motion by Arslan to accept the agenda. Second Reyes. All yeses. all said yes unanimously	2 mins
1.5 Adopt Agenda	Vote	Any Member		3-5 mins
1.6 Approval of Minutes 03.20.2025 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote	Any Member	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ok4qymW_S74aN7BtMo2wDQJDK_9Cur4m/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=107678858046613347169&rtpof=true&sd=true approved 4/17 Motion: Arslan Second: Kavi Vote: All yeses. accepted	3-5 mins

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
Dr. Yarrow	<p>Introduction to Science Fair (3min)</p> <p>She came to thank everyone for their participation in the science fair. What they learned, never had been a student that had been from Lotus, moving towards STEM/STEAM, a great way to move ahead in helping to prepare over 30 students to go.</p> <p>FORMS: so many...many deadlines. They met all of the challenges and rules and now know better. Our students learned a lot about presentations: presentations, dimensions, font size, research notebooks and scientific logs, transportation, networking and social skills</p> <p>Looking for alternative routes to showcase their work.</p> <p>Ways to decrease student stress next time. Perhaps a class for a science fair/club.</p> <p>Looking into cost effective ways for the future, invite Mayor Mike Cauffman to come. Teamwork and Trust</p>
Abdullahi Adan	Denver Regional Science Fair (3min)
Janet Bajikijay	<p>Colorado State Science Fair (3min)</p> <p>Janet shared: Project: The Effect of Nanoparticles on plant growth: 1st place in Denver. She was the team leader of the project and 2 others. She shared slides of her presentation. Slides didn’t work, but she shared her gratitude and that of the others on her team.</p>

3. Consent Agenda

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N/A	Vote			1 min

4. Reports

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
4.1 Financial Report		B. Skidmore	<p>March financials: look great expenditures: 68 %, revenues 75% of 1.5 million surplus end balance 5 million, 44% increase enrollment: new cap mill levy override \$189,000, \$64,000 better than budget BAL sheet: cash 1 million greater than last year, end March over 4 million in cash, \$42,000 in grants, next compliance task March financials: debt convenance cash spent \$44,000 a day, we currently have that maintained through fiscal year, money over and above 1.9 million 2nd convenance: 1.1x 3.46 times 1.5 million projected house bills released in April, seeing a 3rd reading in house, 3.2% increase ppr, \$12,311 to \$12,709 total k-6 over 10 billion funding. FY26 draft budget</p>	10 min

			<p>utilizes 970 students' capital projects. We need to bring capital to the table, based on current contribution, we should be moving in the right direction.</p> <p>Any questions from the board? NONE</p>	
<p>4.2 School Report: - Presentation: Extension project presentation by Mr. Ryan (the project architect) and Mr. James H. (Blueprint)</p>		Mr. Nalcaci	<p>Information about building:</p> <p>Ryan: Adragna</p> <p>New classroom project: increasing SQFT parking, pick up/drop off, new playground for elementary.</p> <p>1st floor primary entrance and secondary entrance with a secure check in, offices, 7 class rooms, multipurpose, warming kitchen, maker space</p> <p>2nd floor: 12 classrooms, large group restroom, single toilets, small class breakouts, faculty break room, double as a workroom, smart lab.</p> <p>Elevations: blue 3 coat stucco, white banding, metal panels, thin brick veneer, precast seals, covered canopy for pick up and drop off,</p> <p>PreK-3, 30,000 sq ft</p> <p>450 students colors? board feedback</p> <p>JAMES: blueprint, vendors, financing, mgmt, logistics, shared</p>	20 min

			<p>schedule, map from now to finished, estimated cost and it will evolve as we add more details, 4/25 pre development phase and get that all done by August, timeline once started is fixed, 11 months to build a building was given to the contractor.</p> <p>City has to oversee the land to be prepared. Bart to be able to underwrite the school and work with a lender and their help, work in parallel to get it done</p> <p>Next piece viewpoint currently: budget: preliminary, not finalized, 11,747 million currently, could be upwards of 15 million, all very flexible,</p> <p>Bucket of funds for non expected expenses to come up as the work is happening.</p> <p>Adding on insurance to the new building, liability etc. brokers that provide that tend to stumble as it is outside of their realm. They will look into our broker.</p> <p>Starting in May with contractors. Drawings are detailed enough to get this process started.</p>	
4.3 School Board Reports		Any Board Member	Mr. Nalcaci: signed an agreement with a PR for our targeted	10 min

		<p>expansion areas.</p> <p>They will finalize their report in May and they will share.</p> <p>Construction meetings are admin:</p> <p>Kara, Robey and Nalcaci are meeting weekly.</p> <p>Dr. Yarrow: Lotus kids participating in science and doing great. Won \$500 cash, certificate from CSU \$1,000 scholarship for his project.</p> <p>Busy days/weeks</p> <p>good news: last board meeting</p> <p>shared good news, students about college: MIT, 19 Ivy Universities, a lot have the same great news.</p> <p>Hiring season: interviews and hiring, some very talented teachers for next year.</p> <p>Upcoming, 4/21</p> <p>STEAM day, 4/24</p> <p>ADL, 4/26 Spring Carnival, May elementary Talent Show, 5/7 Taste of Lotus, May 5 last SAC meeting,</p> <p>First week of May, Teacher</p> <p>Appreciation Week,</p>	
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			Aurora Major Mike Caufmann to visit Lotus on May 9 at 10 am. A state senator also is coming to TBA. 5/15 senior graduation ½ day so you can attend in the morning.	
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5. Action Items

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
5.1 Mobile Modular relocation Quotes	Vote	M.Nalcaci	To make the new building, we need to move 2 modulars to the east side. Llast year we contracted with a modular company to move them, but the experience was not very good. Cost over \$120,000 to move them. 3 quotes were acquired from 3 different companies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$32,054 x 3=\$97,500 2. 3 modulars=\$70,000 with possible extra costs 3. \$134,000 voted and approved the first bid. Motion: Arslan to accept quote from 1st company. Second: Reyes All yeses.	5 min
5.2 2025-2026 School Calendar	Vote		Most is matched with APS.: August 1st day of school 8/12. APT 8/6 for secondary elementary CCSD 8/11. 166 days instructional days, can't go lower	10 min

			<p>than that number MS & HS 1,080 hours, 18 more? 3 more days Fall break is as APS. Thanksgiving is now 3 days not a week. Spring break, APS is a week earlier, CCSD is what we are matching. Last day of school, May 20th. CCSD 171 days of school motion and approved edits to come on Monday.</p>	
5.3 Coach Jackson		athletics	<p>Spring sports are K-12, basketball, flag football on Saturdays, hired a robotics instructor, key points: kids that have gotten scholarships: Beruke to Boulder for track and cross country, key points; 1. Nike rep gave our school an additional \$2,500 for our school to spend. K-12 May 1 award ceremony 5-6:30, APS has invited him back to the meeting for athletic directors, Fundraising accounts back on aramark.</p>	

6. Discussion/Closed Session **NOTES for open session ended at _7:37 pm_ when the public session ended. Motion to end public session and move to closed session by Arslan. Second Reyes. Vote all yeses.**

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6.1	Discuss	A. Reyes	Summer Theater Camp Discussed briefly but due to on-going construction at the campus. Could be difficult to do it this summer.	5 min
6.2 Survey	Discuss	A. Kavi	Quote for the survey A quote was acquired	5 min

			from HR Engagement Analytic LLC (HREA, same surveyor as last year) by Kavi and presented to Mr. Nalcaci who is authorized to communicate with HREA to get staff/admin survey completed before the end of school year.	
6.3 LSE work hours			Discussed in detail. Nalcaci expressed concerns with absenteeism. Subs are filling absent periods that take significant pay. Teachers need to be present for students or we are doing a disservice to them. Teachers may be inclined to take weeks off during the school year that takes away from instruction with our students if we offer more PTO. Nalcaci suggested matching PTO with APS and payouts for unused PTO at the end of each school year. This might encourage better use of PTO.	

7. Next Steps

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
7.1 Scheduling next board meeting		Board President	May 8th 2025 at 6pm	2 mins
7.2 Requests for agenda at the next board meeting		Board President		2 mins

8. Adjourn the meeting

Motion to exit closed session and adjourn meeting by Arslan. Second Reyes. Votes; Arslan, Reyes, Kavi and Mengliyev. Adjourned at 8:28pm.