

**Regular Meeting of the
Lewis Center for Educational Research Board of Directors**

**Revised Minutes
March 9, 2020**

1.0 Call to Order

Vice Chairman Sharon Page called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

LCER Board Members Torii Gray, Omari Onyango, Sharon Page, David Rib, Jessica Rodriguez and Rick Wolf were present.

LCER Board Members Pat Caldwell, Jim Morris, Kevin Porter and were absent.

Staff members Valli Andreasen, Fausto Barragan, Elizabeth Chronister, Jisela Corona, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, Brook Gupta, David Gruber, Lisa Lamb, Stacy Newman and Toni Preciado were also present.

3.0 Public Comments: NSLA parent Rita Ayala shared concerns about the music rotation class and an investigation that was done, and provided a written complaint to the Board. Sharon Page asked Lisa Lamb to investigate the situation and report back to the Board.

NSLA parent and PTO President Arwa Hunsucker shared concerns about lack of classroom management during rotation classes, and that there is no Chinese teacher. The plan for this hasn't been communicated. She felt that there was a lack of communication from administration and didn't feel teachers weren't using Love and Logic. Lisa stated we are working on a communication plan.

NSLA parent Lisa Magallanes volunteers at the school and has been volunteering more to see what is going on as her children didn't want to go to school. She felt that there is no communication to parents such as when meetings and events are, the school calendar, and that the website isn't updated. She would like to have a meeting with staff to talk about communication as well as the Corona Virus. We will schedule this meeting. Sharon Page thanked her for bringing her concerns.

4.0 Special Presentations:

.01 Toni Preciado presented about the Chile Delegation. We had planned on hosting 2 Chilean teachers and 6-7 students in April, but this may not happen due to the Corona Virus. We are still looking for host families for when it is rescheduled. They would like to experience school life as well as excursions. The Board will be invited to a welcome meal. The process for selecting students to go to Chile next year will begin after spring break.

.02 Wayne Strumpfer, CCSA, presented Brown Act and Conflict of Interest training. The training covered new laws within Ed Code 47604.1.

5.0 Discussion Items

.01 David Gruber discussed the AAE and NSLA CARS Reports, which tell how we're spending federal funds we receive. AAE receives Title I, II and IV funds and NSLA received Title I, II, III and IV funds. The LCER can charge indirect costs but does not as they have a management agreement with the schools. The goal is to keep as many dollars with the specific population designated as possible. Sharon Page asked what we provide for homeless services. We provide social/emotional learning, backpacks, shoes, uniforms, bus passes, etc.

- .02 Jessica Rodriguez discussed the 2020 Annual Gala and reported that Marcia Vargas and Duberly Beck are presenting to PTO and PTC about the event to get parents involved.

6.0 Action Items

- .01 AAE Safety Plan – Valli Andreasen shared that the safety plan is reviewed, updated and approved by the Board annually. It is meant to be a public document without tactical information. On a motion by Jessica Rodriguez, seconded by Torii Gray, roll call vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the AAE Safety Plan.
- .02 NSLA Safety Plan – Fausto Barragan shared that the safety plan is reviewed, updated and approved by the Board annually. It is meant to be a public document without tactical information. On a motion by Omari Onyango, seconded by Torii Gray, roll call vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the NSLA Safety Plan.
- .03 New AAE Graduation Requirements – Valli Andreasen reported that AAE graduation requirements are returning to what they were 5 years ago of 1 year of language or 1 year VPA. We had aligned the requirements with UC and CSU requirements to have 2 years of language and 1 year of VPA. Some students are not successful completing those requirements and would have to receive a Certificate of Completion rather than a diploma. We are the only school in the High Desert with these requirements other than Riverside Prep, and they are changing theirs as well to be in line with other high schools. We can still offer this structure as a path and this will allow for another path for other students. We want to have the same requirements at both AAE and NSLA, with a 3rd path for world language distinction with a seal of biliteracy. Marcelo Congo stated that this is a great measure we're taking. On a motion by Jessica Rodriguez, seconded by Rick Wolf, roll call vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the New AAE Graduation Requirements.
- .04 Marcelo Congo reported that AR and BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention were revised to align with Ed Cod 215. On a motion by Jessica Rodriguez, seconded by Omari Onyango, roll call vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the NSLA Safety Plan.
- .05 David Gruber reported that the policies follow GAMUT guidelines, which most districts use and have already been vetted through legal. On a motion by Omari Onyango, seconded by David Rib, roll call vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved BP 3350 Reimbursements, Travel and Other Expenses.
- .06 On a motion by Jessica Rodriguez, seconded by Torii Gray, roll call vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved BP 3450 Money in School Buildings Revision.

7.0 Consent Agenda:

- .01 Approve Minutes of February 10 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Rick Wolf, seconded by Torii Gray, roll call vote 5-0 with Jessica Rodriguez abstaining as she was not at the meeting, the LCER Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda item 7.01.

8.0 Information Included in Packet:

- .01 President/CEO – Rick Wolf stated that he would like to amend the goals so that the CEO contacts the Chair when issues come up. Sharon Page stated that goals are developed in Strategic Planning and we can address it at that time. Also, this is currently what happens as Lisa discusses any concerns that come up with the Chair and shares next steps with the Board. She will be scheduling one on one time with each Director individually as well. Lisa Lamb reported that under Goal 2.1, the March 10 County Board meeting regarding approval of the ground lease is being pushed back to March 24. The draft is substantially the same and the redline version will be sent out for review. Lisa will proceed with the authorization given to her unless notified otherwise by the Board. Please let Lisa or Sharon know of any comments or concerns.
- .02 LCER Financial Reports

- Checks Over \$10K – It was asked what the Committee for Children was. It is social emotional learning curriculum.
 - Budget Comparisons
- .03 Lewis Center Foundation Financial Report
- January ~~2019-2020~~
- .04 LCER Board Attendance Log
- .05 LCER Board Give and Get

9.0 Board/Staff Comments:

- .01 Ask a question for clarification or make a brief announcement – Lisa Lamb reported that the AAE construction financing is closed and done. A task force is being developed and construction should start by June/July. We are scheduled to close June 3 for the NSLA project. Bids are due by March 17. Tom and Larry will review the bids and make a selection by March 30 and grading will begin. Dr. Barragan was congratulated for his time in the LA Marathon, as well as the AAE students and staff.
- .02 Make a brief report on his or her own activities
- .03 Future agenda items – David Rib would like to add naming the new Multipurpose Room after Bud Biggs to the next agenda.

10.0 Adjournment

Vice Chairman Sharon Page adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.