

Regular Meeting of the Lewis Center for Educational Research Board
April 12, 2021
Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Chairman Rib called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board members Pat Caldwell, Torii Gray, Jim Morris (arrived at 4:15), Kevin Porter, David Rib, Omari Onyango (arrived at 4:18) and Jessica Rodriguez were in attendance.

LCER Board Members Sharon Page and Rick Wolf were absent.

LCER Staff Members Valli Andreasen, Fausto Barragan, Marcelo Congo, Jisela Corona, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, David Gruber, Lisa Lamb, Stacy Newman were also present

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public Comment from AAE parent Cheryl Zwarkowski was read regarding COVID-19 relief funds and wanting students back in school full time as soon as possible, safely.
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - .01 Review Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Needs Assessments and New COVID Relief Funding – Lisa Lamb presented information on the LCAP and the needs assessments sent out, including several surveys and their results. The results will help in planning for extending learning opportunities, including future field trips and summer school to help bring students up to speed. Pat Caldwell asked about learning loss. The teachers will have to adapt their teaching next year to include catch up. We can hold 2 summer academies at NSLA and 1 at AAE.
 - .02 Discuss AAE and NSLA Secondary Reopenings – Lisa Lamb reported that all grades are back as of today in hybrid instruction at both campuses. The next step is combining cohorts A and B into cohort C in the next couple weeks. This will mean students may be on campus 4 days a week instead of 2. We intend to start 5 days a week full time for the 2021-22 school year and not have hybrid instruction, with a few accommodations.
 - .03 NSLA Enrollment Update – Lisa Lamb reported the latest update on NSLA enrollment. NSLA is full in grades K-5 with a waitlist, except for a couple spots in 3rd grade. This is the first time NSLA has had a waitlist for K. There is still availability in grades 7-9. We will be focusing on these grades for recruitment.
 - .04 Lewis Center Foundation Update – Jessica Rodriguez reported that the High Desert Regional Open is June 25, 2021. Please be sure to contribute. There are several sponsorship opportunities remaining. Flyers and the sign up form have been distributed. Lisa and Pat had lunch with Buck Johns and Steve Williams, who each donated \$1,000. We have also set a tentative date for the Gala for October 1, so save the date.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - .01 Approve Minutes of March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - .02 Approve Revised LCER 2022-2023 Calendar to Update One Student Day/Teacher In-service Day Difference Between AAE and NSLA
 - .03 Approve AAE 2022-2023 Calendar
 - .04 Approve NSLA 2022-2023 Calendar
 - .05 Approve AAE and VVC College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Agreement

On a motion by Pat Caldwell, seconded by Kevin Porter, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 6.01-6.05 by roll call vote.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

.01 Approve BP 5412.2 Student Freedom of Speech Policy Revision – Lisa Lamb reported that she received updates on this this during the CCSA conference. On a motion by Jim Morris, seconded by Torii Gray, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Action Item 7.01 by roll call vote.

8. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET: *(Board members may ask questions on items for clarification.)*

.01 President/CEO Report – Lisa Lamb

.02 LCER Grant Tracking Report

.03 LCER Financial Reports

- Checks Over \$10K
- Budget Comparisons
- AAE and NSLA 2nd Interim Reports
- AAE and NSLA Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) Reports

.04 Lewis Center Foundation Financial Report

- February 2021

.05 AAE and NSLA Enrollment Data

.06 LCER Board Attendance Log

.07 LCER Board Give and Get

9. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:

.01 Ask a question for clarification

.02 Make a brief announcement – Lisa would like to schedule a Special Board meeting for April 19, 2021 and invite our financial advisor and construction team. Please let us know if you are available.

.03 Make a brief report on his or her own activities

.04 Future agenda items– Pat Caldwell commented that she heard a local school was being targeted for unions. She'd like to put the discussion on the next agenda. David mentioned union preparedness training. YM&C has staff that could provide that training. There is no deadline for the Governor's Executive Order with teleconference requirements waived to end. We are planning to be in person and by teleconference starting with the May meeting.

10. LCER BOARD TRAINING: Wayne Strumpfer, YM&C, presented the annual Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Training.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Rib adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.