

**Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Lewis Center for Educational Research Board
January 10**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board members Pat Caldwell, Sharon Page, Kevin Porter, David Rib, Jessica Rodriguez and Rick Wolf were in attendance

LCER Board members Torii Gray, Jim Morris and Omari Onyango were absent.

LCER Staff members Valli Andreasen, Fausto Barragan, Marcelo Congo, Jisela Corona, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, David Gruber, Lisa Lamb and Stacy Newman were in attendance.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A comment was read from Lucy Tello regarding wanting distance learning, from Connie Delatorre regarding advocating for distance learning and Jaqueline Foulks commented regarding revising, moderating or closing the AAE parent FB page due to disparaging comments regarding students. Lisa updated the Board regarding the parent FB page. It is not a school owned or moderated page. We have asked for it to be moderated or removed, but it has not happened. We will follow up.
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
 - .01 LCER Ambassadors Update – there was no update.
 - .02 NSLA ASB Update – there was no update.
 - .03 NSLA Annual School Update – Lisa Lamb reported that each year we provide NSLA/s’s authorizer, the SB County Board of Education, updates on NSLA and she provided some of these updates to the Board, such as attendance, STEM programs, enrichment classes, and partnerships. Toni Preciado updated the Board on academic and emotional support systems and Fausto Barragan updated on enrollment, recruitment efforts, demographics, academic testing, and financial data. Heather Juarez and Toni Preciado explained the iReady testing and how we track growth of students. Lisa commended Heather and Toni for their work on this. This presentation will be presented to the SB County Board of Education next month.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - .01 NSLA Gym Construction Update – David Gruber reported that there have been discussions between the construction management team and architects regarding the growing costs of materials. A revision was made to the roof design from steel to wood due to the costs. The architects will need to revise the plans for the City. Construction should now begin in early February and it is a 7-month build time.
 - .02 School Safety and Discipline Update – Lisa Lamb reported that she and the Principals completed a progressive discipline matrix to be used by both schools. The plan includes additional interventions that can be implemented. We also will be scheduling violent intruder trainings on both campuses. Also upcoming is a parent cyber bullying zoom workshop on Zoom by SB Sheriff’s Dept. The annual school safety plan update will be presented to the Board for approval as well. We are also implementing Stop It, which is a tip line for vandalism, bullying, and can be anonymous. It is rolling out on February 1. There will be QR codes around the campuses and students can use their phones for reporting.
 - .03 Discuss LCER Board Strategic Planning to be held on 1/20/22 at NSLA – Lisa Lamb reported that the Strategic Planning has been postponed due to recent COVID surges. We are also short staffed so staff may be covering other areas. We will revisit this monthly for rescheduling.
 - .04 Lewis Center Foundation Update and Discussion Regarding LCER Board Liaison for 2022 – Jessica Rodriguez reported that she is currently the liaison between the LCER Board and the Foundation. She requested that someone volunteer and help support this role. The Foundation has been greatly supporting the schools. We will continue this discussion again next month.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- .01 Approve Minutes of the December 13, 2021 Regular LCER Board Meeting – On a motion by Sharon Page, seconded by David Rib, vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the Consent Agenda by roll call vote.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- .01 Approve AAE School Accountability Report Card (SARC) – Valli Andreasen reported that the SARCs are due to be published to the public by February 1. The State prepopulates data but it has not done so at this time so the report is not complete yet. This is what most Districts are presenting at this time. We will be able to publish it in time once the data is received. We will table it for presentation once completed. On a motion by Pat Caldwell, seconded by Sharon Page, vote 6-0, the LCER Board approved staff to publish the completed AAE SARC once the data is received from the State by roll call vote.
- .02 Approve NSLA School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - . On a motion by Sharon Page, seconded by David Rib, vote 6-0, the LCER Board approved staff to publish the completed NSLA SARC once the data is received from the State by roll call vote.

8. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET:

- .01 President/CEO Report
.02 LCER Grant Tracking Report
.03 LCER Financial Reports
- Checks Over \$10K
 - Budget Comparisons
- .04 AAE and NSLA Enrollment Data
.05 LCER Board Attendance Log

9. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:

- .01 Ask a question for clarification – Rick Wolf asked about the name “Research” in the name Lewis Center for Educational Research and if we are no longer doing research and asked that we return to doing research and publishing our data. Jessica suggested discussing this at Strategic Planning and making it a goal.
- .02 Make a brief announcement or a brief report on his or her own activities - Lisa reminded the Board that if they are wanting to attend the meeting virtually they must send their location to post to Teresa 1 week prior to the meeting so it may be posted on the agenda. She also reported that the Ambassador advocacy trip is coming up in spring and she shared COVID statistics. She also shared that updated laws do not allow schools to go to full distance learning again. It is not a legal possibility at this time, or socially, emotionally and academically prudent. SEL (Social Emotional Learning) and CRT (Critical Race Theory) are two entirely different things and we will not be incorporating CRT at our schools as it is not a K-12 curriculum, nor is it a part of our ethnic studies. On January 18 there is an AAE Space Force Dedication at 11:30 I the gym. The week of January 31 students will be asking astronauts on the ISS questions through the ARISS program. Then the students will also be able to speak to a previous astronaut on the ISS, who will answer additional questions. This Wednesday there is a WASC Zoom visit and Lisa requested volunteers from the Board to participate. We will be looking into the requirements to have virtual meetings again and will follow up on what we can do. David asked about testing families. We received a testing kit for almost every student and have drive-through distributions scheduled tomorrow morning and Wednesday afternoon. We also have a partnership with Loma Linda that tests at our campuses 3 days a week, which may expand to 5 days. This is extended to the Board as well if you would like to test. Stacy will send the Board information. They have both PCR and antigen tests. The information has been shared with families.
- .03 Future agenda items

10. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.