

## Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Lewis Center for Educational Research Board

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Treasurer Sharon Page called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board Members Yolanda Carlos, Steve Levin, Sharon Page, David Rub, Omari Onyango, Marisol Sanchez and Pat Schlosser were present. LCER Board Members Pat Caldwell and Jessica Rodriguez were absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Amanda Buchanan, AAE Parent, commented regarding the Band Trip that was supposed to happen April 25 – 28, 2024. She also commented on the band shirts.
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
  - .01 LCER Student Updates – LCER Ambassador CJ Jeffs updated the Board on AAE student activities. ASB is preparing for prom, there is a surprise pep rally being planned, Ambassadors is having their Knight of the Night competition next Friday, there is also a blood drive on March 6. Band concerts are in May, they are introducing the jazz band at pep rallies, 4 members were chosen for SB County honor band, ROTC held Knights Challenge last Saturday with 7 other units participating, tennis try outs are next week, and softball is starting. Track and field are using the new track and the track at AVHS. LCER Ambassador Kasey Medina updated the Board on NSLA student activities. They are having kindness week, Raising Canes fundraiser on February 14, Adopt a Duck sales were last week, ASB is planning a pep rally, middle school basketball tryouts are happening, and high school baseball and softball are starting soon. CSUSB Tomorrow's Talent program regarding cyber security has started, and family date night is February 16.
  - .02 AAE School Update – Chet Richards, Principal, updated the Board that we are reviewing the LCAP today, attendance has been increasing as we have been reaching out to parents, we are addressing the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade lunch concerns, the baseball field is starting this week, we had a power outage due to a broken breaker, the new one was installed Wednesday afternoon, and the administration building construction has started. We are being proactive and working on the suspension rate as well.
  - .03 NSLA School Update – Victor Uribe, Principal updated the Board that we are reviewing the LCAP today, a presentation was held on 2/7 regarding drugs, PTO has been recognizing staff monthly with appreciation gifts, the 2/16 family date night is at a skating rink, a team went to a program at RCOE to learn about Differentiated Assistance support that helps with the LCAP designated spending, SB Poetry out Loud took first place, Max Goodly is heading to Sacramento for State finals, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip is at USC today, and on March 4 we are updating the safety cameras to rombas. NSLA had some flooding issues and we have been working on maintenance to stay proactive.
  - .04 2023-24 Lewis Center Audit Presentation - Jeff Nigro, Nigro & Nigro, reviewed the audit with the Board. There was a new accounting requirement to verify leases, which both schools have. There were 2 findings on state reporting.
  - .05 AAE and NSLA Mid-Year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update – Lisa provided an overview of the LCAPs, which are a required comprehensive state plan that details goals, etc. There is a new requirement of a mid-year update and a new 3 year plan beginning 2024-25. The plans include a budget overview for parents. Chet went over the AAE goals. The first one is Preparing all students for post-secondary success. We are working to find curriculum for EL learners and implementing Capturing Kids Hearts for professional development. Pat asked about supplemental concentration grant expenditures and if we didn't use all the funding, is there a plan to spend them so it doesn't change our flexibility later. David Gruber reported that we don't plan to have a carry over. Goal 2 is to create an engaging, well-balanced experience for all students. Summer Academy, Robotics, and e-sports are being implemented. A lot of students are doing Dual Enrollment rather than the AP exam. We could provide data on this. Goal 3 is to provide safe and well-maintained facilities with positive school climate. We are working on the PA System, facilities expenditures, and custodial. Thank you to the team that prepared the update.

Victor went over NSLA's goals. Goal 1 is all school community members will work together to improve student achievement in all content areas. We have been providing field trips, enrichment classes, one to one devices, flexible seating and mental health and academic services. Rocket Lab is a direct targeted resource. We have resident subs on staff and are developing the HS athletics program. Counselors and program supports have been implemented. Goal 2 is to provide safe and well-maintained facilities with a positive learning environment and instructional practices that are culturally responsive and support academic, social, emotional and physical needs of all students. We added a student activities clerk and additional administrative support staff. CSOs have been receiving additional training. Goal 3 is to engage all stakeholders in meaningful collaboration and shared decision making, to support student achievement as measured by school climate, student engagement, and academic achievement of all learners. Love and Logic and Cafecito programs are trying to get parents more involved. We are also working on attendance and doing surveys to come up with action plans.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

.01 Approve Minutes of January 29, 2024 Regular Meeting

On a motion by David Rib, seconded by Pat Schlosser, vote 7-0, the LCER Board approved Consent Agenda Item 5.01 by roll call vote.

**6. ACTION ITEMS:**

.01 Approve AAE 2024-25 Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) – Chet Richards informed the Board that the plan was updated to include the new fencing and new Catapult EMS system. The evacuation map was updated and there is only 1 location now, which is the new field. Otherwise, the plan is very similar to last year. On a motion by Pat Schlosser, seconded by David Rib, vote 7-0, the LCER Board approved the AAE 2024-25 CSSP by roll call vote.

.02 Approve NSLA 2024-25 Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) – Victor informed the Board that the plan was updated to include Catapult to communicate in an efficient manner. On a motion by Omari Onyango, seconded by Sharon Page, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the NSLA 2024-25 CSSP by roll call vote.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

.01 Lewis Center Foundation Board Update – Marisol Sanchez update the Board that we are still working on the locations for the upcoming events.

- Wine Social - April 18, 2024 (location tbd)
- Annual Gala - September 28, 2024 (location tbd)

**8. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET:**

.01 President/CEO Report

.02 Grant Tracking Report

.03 LCER Financial Reports

- Checks Over \$10K
- Budget Comparisons
- Lewis Center Foundation Financial Reports

.04 AAE and NSLA Cash Management Data Collection for Categorical Funds

.05 LCER Board Attendance Log

.06 LCER Board/Lewis Center Foundation Give and Get

**9. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:**

.01 Ask a question for clarification

.02 Make a brief announcement or a brief report on his or her own activities – Lisa reported that we met regarding the County of San Bernardino regarding the Desert Knolls Wash and are working to move forward with the grant deed. We have been discussing the new grading policy and receiving additional feedback. We will analyze the data to make decisions. We will need to update how we enter grades into the system that works with our system. We are working with Jose Medina on the dual immersion program at NSLA. We will see huge gains in literacy based on current research. We had a visit from the State level Bonnie to see Norton’s DI program. Shout out to Ryan Dorcey for leading the way with Tomorrow’s Talent and developing a cyber-defense core with them at both schools. A group from UCR also reached out to do a similar program and are seeking a NASA grant to support the program. They will be touring NSLA on Friday. The connection was from an Ambassador tour with Supervisor Baca and a new TK parent. We have also met regarding starting CTE at both schools. We will start with media and video production, and then move into medical and IT pathways. We also talked with Bob Twiggs who invented Cube Sats at Stanford, and wants to bring hands on activities to K-12. We could incorporate the activities with GAVRT and Space Force.

.03 Future agenda items

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Treasurer Sharon Page adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.