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Linden STEAM Academy Governing Board Minutes October 10, 2018 5:45pm Linden STEAM Academy Library

1. Call-to-Order
 - a. Attendance: Eden Garhart-Smith, John Murray, Elaine Rittershaus, Jessica Leggett, Tim Ruggere, John Oteri, John Froio, Deb Gesualdo, Justin Umlah, Kenya Avant, Callie Walsh, Cynara Cannatella, Scott Marino, Christine Shuman, Vetsanet DePabachewk
 - b. Quorum: sufficient to conduct business
2. Approval of Minutes from July / September
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from July made by Deb Guesaldo, seconded by Elaine Ritterhaus
 - b. Motion carries
 - c. Motion to approve minutes from September by Scott Marino, seconded by John Murray
 - d. Motion carries
3. New Business
 - i. Governing Board Goals (Aligned with district)
 1. November there will be a google doc with a draft of GB goals
 - ii. PD Staff Input
 1. Staff feedback focused on social/emotional learning and special education training
 2. GB members will meet with administrators to plan next steps
 - iii. LSA and District Bullying Plan
 1. Bullying plan is outlined in the handbook. When complaints are made forms need to filled out and investigated
 2. Next parent engagement meeting with the principal will cover the topic of bullying and how to identify bullying

3. District policy was just updated in 2018 and the new plan was presented to admin and staff
 - a. Would benefit to have bullying policy in the LSA Handbook
 - b. Bullying presentation should be planned for students
 - iv. Back to school night scheduling
 1. Meet the teacher night before school officially starts
 - a. Would need to be negotiated with the union
 - b. Update after speaking to staff/PTO at November meeting
 - v. AEAP / Gifted Qualifications
 1. Data needs to be evaluated
 2. Does the program work? Is it excluding and segregating students
 3. Survey staff and parents
 4. Principal will get group together to evaluate the program and GB member volunteered to help with this effort.
 - vi. Public Education Funding Resolutions
 1. Data shows that public schools are underfunded by 1 billion dollars a year
 2. Motion to approve both PreK-12 and Higher Education funding resolutions made by Elaine Ritterhaus, seconded by Callie Walsh
 3. Motion carries
 - vii. LSA's MCAS Results
 1. Hoping to send home MCAS results by Thursday
 2. Kenya waiting to hear back from the school/district regarding a data-sharing agreement to look at data for school improvement planning
 3. Kenya to update the GB on MCAS results at the next meeting.
 4. Administrator's Report
 - a. Everything was covered in other agenda items
 5. Public Comment
 - a. None
 6. Personal Privilege
 - a. Drama Club started
 - b. Running Club started-adding a 3rd day
 - c. Robotics Club
 - d. Comics book Club
 7. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Scott Marino, seconded by Deb Guesaldo
- b. Motion carried