



HLCS Board Meeting - Minutes
February 13, 2023, 6:00 PM
Northern Pines Plumbing & Heating, Park Rapids, MN

Reading of the Mission Statement:

Heartland Lakes Community School exists to empower students to bravely live their truth, to become wise stewards of the land and resources, and to ignite a lasting curiosity that leads to positive change in their school, their communities, their world, and themselves.

Public Comment

Meeting called to order: 6:13 pm

Establish quorum: Yes

Attendance:

(X for present, A for absent)

Joanna Wallenberg	A	Nikki Gack	X	Sarah Skjonsby	X	Kameron Johnson	X
Elise Erickson	X	Jamie Simon-Linkowitz	A	Jovan Rebollar	X		

Staff Present: na

Guests Present: na

Conflict of interest: no

Does anyone have anything to add to the agenda?

*denotes item added after posting

Motion to accept agenda: Elise

Second: Jovan

Motion passes

Action Items:

Issue: **January Board meeting minutes**

Outcome: Review/Approve
Person Responsible: Joanna Wallenberg/Nikki Gack

Motion to accept January board minutes: Kameron
Second: Sarah
Motion passed.

*Issue: **Photos to Joanna for the website**
Outcome: Review/Approve
Person Responsible: Joanna Wallenberg/Nikki Gack

Issue: **Committee Reports**
Outcome:
Person Responsible: Committee members

Finance committee: *Finance committee has not met yet this month. Joanna has nominated Jovan to join the finance committee, Jovan has accepted. The focus of the finance committee will be focusing to finding and writing grants. Discussion about the board sending communication to the charter center regarding the CSP grant and the hopes that it will re-open, and that HLCS can be considered for funding even if we are in our operational year.*
Mike Schultz- Charter Center at MDE

Governance committee: *No report.*

Facilities/Grounds committee: *Grounds committee met to discuss location options. More information later in the agenda. A community member contacted Joanna on behalf of a committee that is looking to build a community center. There is a meeting coming up with an opportunity for HLCS to meet and present information about the school. Nikki and Kami believe they can go; they will reach out to the group and determine some next steps.*

Questions for the grounds committee to consider:

- 1) When do we need to know for sure what our location will be? (question for VOA)*
- 2) What will need to happen to the space in order to gain e-occupancy?*

Director Search committee: *Committee did not meet*

Regular committee meetings date/time:

Motion: Jovan
Second: Kami
Outcome: passed

Issue: **Board policies - 100 series second reading**

Outcome: Review/

Person responsible: Elise Erickson/Kami Johnson

Motion to accept the policies after revisions have been made to policy 104 to remove the extra information at the bottom made by Elise Erickson

Second: Jovan

Outcome: passed

Issue: **Update on Department of Education submission, IRS submission and CSP Grant**

Outcome: What is the status?

Person Responsible: Joanna Wallenberg/Nikki Gack

Nikki and Adrienne updated the board. No action taken.

Motion:

Second:

Outcome:

Issue: **Discuss meeting with Leslie Hobson**

Outcome: Joanna and Nikki met with Leslie (of Northern Pines camp) to discuss possibilities of leasing this property, and in particular, what plans there are about how to move forward in the future as HLCS expands. Ms. Hobson will be taking our proposal to her council. Joanna and Nikki offered to present information about HLCS.

Person responsible: Nikki Gack

No action needed.

Motion:

Second:

Outcome:

Issue: **Get some events on the calendar**

Outcome:

Earth Day in April 22nd

[Earth Day Monarch/Pollinator Seed Packets \(100 for \\$55\)](#)

Arbor Day April 28th

Vernal Equinox?

Summer events in town

[List of Nature Related Holidays](#)

Here's a sad one: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Overshoot_Day

Discussion on using events as fundraisers/free will donations

Questions:

- 1) Can we set up a gofundme site*
- 2) Could we start selling merch*
- 3) What are the rules related to record keeping for non-profits in our pre-operational year(s)?*

Person responsible: Nikki Gack

Motion: Motion directing the board to please come up with some ideas for events and dates coming up

Second:

Outcome:

Board Reflection - "Once around the table"

Next Meetings: March 13th, 2023 and April 10th, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Brookside Resort

Motion to adjourn by: Elise

Seconded by: Jovan

Motion...adjourned at 7:13