

# Lakeview Academy Board of Trustees Meeting 527 West 400 North Saratoga Springs, Utah APRIL 23, 2018

### MINUTES

1. Welcome and Roll Call (06:07pm) Alan Daniels, Jamie Holt, Tyler Shimakonis, LaRie Nelson

### Alena Miller,

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance (skipped)
- 3. Board Business
- a. interview of potential board members.

Alena Miller has 2 daughters, moved here 6 years ago from Belarus. Sent a resume for the board to review, is involved in LDS International Society and spoke last month. Also helping the council in Belarus to come to visit Utah, also with translation. She likes to be involved in the community.

What made you apply? How did you know we had an opening? Found the Facebook page with the opening. Her oldest daughter is 5. What do you know about this school? The language program, the space center, likes the uniform and has read the charter/founding members. How did she come to the conclusion this was a good school? She liked the 3C's of capable, confident, contributing. She has looked at the agendas for the last months and the policies. LaRie says we are for sure looking for a secretary, but the agendas and taking minutes and follow up on action items, communicating to the public channels, communicating more to the school with the weekly newsletters.

She says she has done some minutes and is better in Russian but could go back and listen to the recordings to make the minutes. Jamie said some of these minutes go three hours, that's a lot of typing? She has had about 10 years doing secretarial work, lists for volunteers could do, answering phones. Not much experience with online work, LaRie asked if she has experience with picking up new skills? Alan asked what the biggest part of the secretary job is and Jamie said it's being organized. She says she doesn't work right now but could maybe get a job as a Russian translator from home. She asked if any more than 40 hours outside of the volunteer hours and we said no. She said her strong suit is being a perfectionist. She is also the 2d C in the Relief Society and keeps things organized.

Other questions she asked: What is happening with the EM expansion? She thinks it is a good idea to do it. LaRie said as a board member you have to decide what is the best thing for the school, not just as a parent or individual member. She says she has never been on a board before. She was working for another community church and believe in different stuff and did childcare/safety class and knew they had different views, but felt like they could build something better for the kids even though her personal views may have differed.

She asked about funding. Tyler said we do some with local funding, but not from marketing but is an area we can improve on. Alan says the vast majority of our funding comes from government

She would like to add she doesn't have any friends in this school and found this opening by herself, partly because she wants her kids to be here and secondly she has a diverse background that could benefit the board and is committed to attend the board meetings and any pieces of training to help her grow. She found UAPCS and is willing to go to meetings to help her learn what to do.

## Ray Johnson

Ray is coming for volunteer hours. Has 2 kids at this school already. Lives in the Harvest Hills subdivision; works by the Thanksgiving Office Park. Has not read the school charter yet. He assumed we were part of Alpine School District. Jamie explained what a charter is, how we function, what the board does. Ray likes the aide in the rooms, feels that is very good for his son to have that extra set of hands to help him adjust to the academic climate. Has liked the progress of his son over the last 3 years. Ray says he does a lot of organizational and timelines that are down to the minute and done in a confidential manner. Has used Microsoft office, excel, powerpoint if he is feeling artsy, has used Blogger and WordPress. LaRie says the time commitment going forward is probably 8-10 hours a month. What is his time

commitment like going forward? He is free in the evenings and has been adoption policies effort for legislation and now that that is finished he could designate his time to this board. Explained his understanding of the Board and is the governing body of the school and the Director is running day today, and the board reviews decision. LaRie explained other aspects such as policy updating to meet state and local requirements, and a big one lately has been curriculum changes and need to make sure that fits within the charter. LaRie asked what he could contribute to the board? Has a legal background, reading and staying inbounds on documents what he does every day. A lot of his clients are charitable and have their own governing documents that he needs to stay within, within an appropriate/timely manner. Has a level head and good background in decision making, background in accounting, appraisals, loan documents on the borrower's side. Any sort of financial or legal structure and is comfortable learning about them and getting into the game. Jamie asked if he was comfortable being a parent and a board member, his wife is more involved here with the kids and as a parent, his philosophy is no entitlement and knows his kids. He has a brother that teaches at Westlake and has opened his eyes from the teachers perspective.

LaRie said a year or so ago the math curriculum changes, there were a lot of research and parent meetings, and ultimately people weren't happy. How have you gone about a decision-making process like that and been able to support the outcome knowing you didn't make everyone happy. Ray says the input from parents, due diligence is a legal process he works with all the time, and he can't make everyone happy even when they pull the outrageous stunts and still work with opposing counsel. Ray says he can see both sides of the situations. Ray says he is pro Immunization. Alan asked if he has any questions for us? Ray says he will read the governing documents, feels it would be great to get his volunteer hours in a consistent way.

### Niki Martins

Has 3 kids here at the school and likes/loves Lakeview. Oldest went to Odyssey for a few years and has comparission and while Oddysey was small in numbers, they obviously didn't have the capabilities such as the Space Simulator, team building, we all work together, fail together. Enjoys the sports, 9th grade, opportunities for plays, the academic structure, and all the teachers. Jamie explained the board, charter, and policies. LaRie asked what made her apply? She likes to be involved where she can. She can't be involved as a room mom because she has young children but being on the board would allow her to be more involved. She spoke with Alan that the open position was for secretary, and understands the time commitment and has the 8-10 hours to commit to this position. LaRie asked about her organizational skills and with her 5 children and has adopted 3 of them and has taken a lot of organizational skills, has been a tutor, helped people organize their papers, taught people all around the world, and help keep people on track. LaRie says working and communicating with the board members and keeping things on track. Being a parent and board member can be challenging and making that really clear with school employees. LaRie asked if you had any experiences with putting on different hats at different times and functions in the role you are in at the time. She said, for example, her daughter goes to a different school and donate to that school and have a good relationship with the director and teachers there and feels that if something changes she can cross that bridge when she comes to it. As a mom with a daughter with special needs, she has to be very organized.

LaRie said board meetings are the second Thursday of each month and if she could invite parents to attend. Niki asked what each board member would like from her? LaRie said keeping her on track would be great. Jamie said that keeping things organized and posted on time. Tyler says that one thing that is good to understand you are a voice on the board.

LaRie asked if she has any other questions? Niki says she doesn't know any of the legalities but Jamie explained that is something you are taught. She is hoping to spend time with Jamie to learn the job before and during the meetings.

NOTE TO SELF- HAVE JANICE MAKE SCROLLING BANNER FOR BOARD MEETING WEEK FOR THE WEBSTIE.

4. Adjourn (7:17pm) TYLER MAKES A MOTION TO ADJOURN