



Meeting Minutes

Location: Lionheart Academy of the Triad
Date: Tuesday, January 8th, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm

Attendance

Christi Williams, Melissa Cox, Phillip Burns, Kristi Bryson, Melissa Blum, Rowena Cassim-Sims, Raji Raman, Jeana Beasley, and Heather Pardue

Agenda Items

- I. Board Update (Heather Pardue)
 - a. The search continues for a lower high school teacher. Ms. Janca and Ms. Ward continue to rotate to cover academic areas in the lower high school class.
 - b. The Board has been working on policy updates which will be shared with families in the near future.
 - c. A new drainage system for the building is in the works.
 - d. The Pratt Foundation awarded the school a \$22,000 grant for an audio/media system for the multi-purpose room.
 - e. Another grant is being applied for to provide interactive outdoor equipment and play areas.

- II. Head-of-School Update (Heather Pardue)
 - a. The first group of high school students took the GTCC college placement test. Students that passed the test will take their first class. Further investigation into GTCC's apprenticeship programs is being done to offer opportunities for OCS students, too.

- III. Treasurer Report (Phillip Burns)
 - a. Income: \$4668.82 Autobell, \$2 donation; Expenses: \$870.48 December outing, \$250 Cognitive Science workshop, \$2360.00 Autobell
 - b. Ending Balance: \$1302.46, Future Expenses: April outing (about \$1000) and plants/landscaping (about \$265)
 - b. See attachment for a copy of the report.

- IV. Unfinished Business
 - a. "You are Wonderful" Wednesdays (<http://signup.com/go/QALPKhL>, new year equals new opportunities to sign up :)
 - b. Workday Meals (<http://signup.com/go/ZseMMZj>, available Jan. 18th, Feb. 15th, and Feb. 18th)
 - c. Lionheart Lunch Duty (<http://signup.com/go/SHcJEBg>, lots of opportunities to volunteer :)
 - d. Volunteer Task List (call Stokes at 336-676-6075 if you are available as a backup to cover the front desk)
 - e. Rockin' Jump (Kids had fun, parents met/mingled/jumped, received bigger discount since a returning group)
 - f. Rio Grande Night (contacted manager, will send check to Lionheart, about \$98!)
 - g. "Classroom Wish List" (visit <http://signup.com/go/KGCnTCn> to grant a wish, will update with new input from staff)
 - h. Autobell Car Wash Card Fundraiser (sold 236! with profit of \$2308.82, fund both social outings for the year, suggestions included begin sale earlier, give prizes as incentives, consider how to include/involve out-of-state family/friends who do not have access to an Autobell)
 - i. Class Parents (organized and collected for staff December gifts, suggestions included staff collection to disperse funds evenly, families donate gift cards from various retailers to distribute to staff)
 - j. PTO Executive Board (working on bylaws, almost done!)

IV. New Business

- a. Meals for Mr. Marko (great response from families, <http://signup.com/go/RtRuFRX>, open Feb. 8th, 11th, 13th, 22nd, 25th, 27th, and March 1st)
- b. Greensboro Aquatic Center Family Event (communicating with GAC about specifics, will send out Evite)
- c. February Family Event (discuss ideas: skating at LeBauer Park, Sky Wild, Box Car; Christi will check LeBauer Park first and will use Box Car as a back-up plan)
- d. Independent Living Skills (workshops done for the year, other ideas included workshops for students by young adults with ASD, do need to proceed with yard sale fundraiser in the spring/May, powerpoints from previous workshops have not been sent by presenters at this time)
- e. Family Engagement (open discussion led to the following suggestions: a general meeting presented by the Lionheart Board to communicate to families the school's vision for the next year/three years/five years and to provide an opportunity for families to meet and get to know the Board members; an informational session for families with students transitioning to high school presenting diploma versus OCS options in the spring; quarterly communications from the teachers regarding curriculum and classroom activities)
- d. Miscellaneous
 1. Lowe's Home Improvement is a possibility as an employer for individuals with ASD.
 2. Power Pathways is a program offered by GTCC: "classes help adult students with intellectual and developmental disabilities improve their reading, math, computer, and job readiness skills with a goal of helping students obtain employment or enter post-secondary education. **POWER Pathways** courses give these students the skills to find meaningful career or volunteer opportunities, promoting self-sufficiency", you can find more information at <https://www.gtcc.edu/academics/adult-basic-education/power-pathways.php>)
 3. "Night to Shine" at St. Pius X Catholic Church through Tim Tebow Foundation is a prom experience for individuals with special needs 14 and up on Feb 8th from 6-9, you must register at <http://www.stpiusxnc.com/nighttoshine>, visit <https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/ministries/night-to-shine> for more general information)
 4. Autism Society of NC's Annual Conference "Autism: Strategies for a Lifetime" March 22-23 in Charlotte, register at <https://www.autismsociety-nc.org/>
 5. Contact Courtney Chavis at cchavis@autismsociety-nc.org, Guilford County's Chapter Facilitator for the Autism Society of NC to be added to their monthly newsletter for information regarding social events, resources, and support groups in the area.
 6. Go to Autism Unbound's site at <https://autismunbound.org/>, at the bottom of the page you can enter your email address to receive newsletters and updates regarding monthly socials, ladies' night out, and monthly meetings.
 7. Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center offers a community based learning program for ages 14 and up, <http://riverwoodtrc.org/our-programs/community-based-learning/>

V. Next Meeting (Thursday, February 7th at 6:00 at Lionheart)

VII. Meeting Adjourned