



LANE TECH college prep high school

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Meeting Minutes: LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting Details: 6:30 PM on Monday, July 7, 2020, via Zoom

Following are the meeting minutes. Original posted Meeting Agenda items are listed with the meeting minutes noted directly below.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Emily Haite called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: Matthew Beaudet, Billy Cashman, Maureen George, Emily Haite, Daniel Law, Anne Lokken, Patricia O’Keefe, Ana Scales (arrived 6:37 PM), Laura Symons, Brian Tennison, Dannixa Velez (arrived 6:37 PM), Katharine Whittaker Gomez and Benjamin Wong

Absent: None

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

3. Approve Agenda

Motion: To approve July 7, 2020 special meeting agenda (with correction)

By: Anne Lokken

Second: Emily Haite

Vote: Unanimous, all in favor

Result: Motion Passes

4. Approve old minutes

Motion: To approve June 15, 2020 regular and closed session meeting minutes.

By: Emily Haite

Second: Laura Symons

Vote: Unanimous, all in favor

Result: Motion Passes

5. Public Participation – Emily Haite reviewed public comments and responses discussed at the 6 PM organizational meeting. In addition, she noted many comments received regarding the Lane Tech symbol. This issue will be discussed in New Business.

6. New Business

- a. Student Fee

Motion: To increase the general student fee by \$25 in order to partially cover increased technology costs due to 1:1

By: Emily Haite

Second: Anne Lokken

Vote: Unanimous, all in favor

Result: Motion Passes

- b. Approval of P.O.'s under \$10,000

Motion: To only require LSC approval of purchase orders over \$10,000

By: Emily Haite

Second: Laura Symons

Vote: Unanimous, all in favor

Result: Motion Passes

- c. Process of potential change of symbol/mascot – Principal Tennison spoke with the CPS Equity Office regarding a potential change of Lane's symbol (the Indian). According to CPS, the LSC is responsible for creating a process (which must include a public meeting and take current student opinions into account) to consider removal of the Indian symbol. Chair Emily Haite noted that pending Illinois HB 4783, if passed, would prohibit the use of Native American logos or mascots by public schools. The LSC discussed a two-part process. First, stakeholder input would be gathered (through surveys and a community meeting) regarding the possible symbol change, followed by LSC vote. Stakeholders include at a minimum current students, alumni, staff/faculty and local Indigenous groups. If the LSC votes to change the Indian symbol, then a second process to create a new symbol/mascot would be discussed. A "Symbol Action Committee" was created, chaired by Matt Beudet (LSC parent rep) and with members Maureen George (LSC community rep) and Ben Wong (LSC parent rep and Lane Tech alumnus). The committee will present its recommended process to the LSC at a meeting on July 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Mr. Beudet, a member of the Montaukett Indian Nation, shared his personal and past experience regarding this issue.

Motion: To form a Symbol Action Committee with members Matt Beudet, Maureen George and Ben Wong

By: Emily Haite

Second: Laura Symons

Vote: Unanimous, all in favor

Result: Motion Passes

7. Announcements - None

8. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting at 7:36 PM

By: Emily Haite

Second: Laura Symons

Vote: Unanimous, all in favor

Result: Motion Passes