

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School
9560 Hwy 33 Farmerville, LA 71241
Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023
5:30 PM

I. Call to order/prayer/pledge.

II. Roll call.

~~K. Neese: Present, A. Anderson: Absent, M. Barrios: Present, D McClendon: Absent~~
A Hudson: Present, L Proctor: Absent, B Simpson-Present, R. Willis-Presetn

III. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held September 18, 2023, and October 16, 2023.

Motion: B. Simpson Second: A. Hudson Passed

IV. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Postel discussed the school program report. DWCS' score improved from 93.3 to 98.9: a 5.6 point increase. School maintains their A score. DWCS is also a Top Gains Honoree. He mentioned he was very proud of teachers for the great job they did in these unusual circumstances. They will promote this great news through social media, press release, banners and treats for students. We will decide at next meeting what to do for the teachers. The DWCS football team will be playing in the regional round of playoffs against Notre Dame at 7:00 PM.

Cross Country Teams competed in a meet with 35 schools. Girls placed 14th and Boys 4th.

V. Finance Report

Jan reviewed October reports and numbers. She provided a breakdown of revenue and surpluses. There were no expenses with Capital Projects. She advised that budget revisions will come out in January. She will review maintenance repairs on buses, salaries, and will run those in January. The question was asked about average surplus, and Jan advised that it runs an average of \$750,000 to 1,000,000 annually. Kim advises that she receives copies of all checks sent out if anyone else would like to review.

VI. Discuss and take action to approve the Open Enrollment Policy and Procedures Addendum.

Proposed changes-Seniors can apply during open enrollment but not outside of that period. Mary Louisa McMahan was present to help answer questions. She explained that this allows time to ensure that they are eligible for graduation. The only exceptions will be children of teachers and siblings of a current student. This will be communicated to public through wording on application, local newspapers, website and social media.

Motion: R. Willis Second: H. Hudson Passed

VII. Discuss and take action to approve the dates for 2024-2025 open enrollment.

Mary Louisa McMahan advised that proposed dates for open enrollment are: January 30, 2024 @ 8:00 AM-March 15 @ 3:00 PM.

Lottery Drawing will be March 20th @ 10:00 AM in the DWCS boardroom and the proceedings are open to the public. Mary Louisa advised it is a randomized drawing. Lottery is dictated by LDOE.

Motion: M. Barrios Second: B. Simpson Passed

VIII. Discuss and take action to approve the 2023-2024 travel expense form with per diem rates.

No need to vote. Information only. We will comply with the use of the new forms.

IX. Discuss and take action to approve two new board members, Blake Simpson and Ryan Willis introduced themselves to the board. Ms. Neese had already had an opportunity to interview them previously. She advised she is still looking for one more member. Board had no questions for them.

Motion: M. Barrios Second: D McClendon Passed

X. Discuss and take action to approve new hire. This was reviewed with Board Members. There were no questions.

Motion: R. Willis Second: A. Hudson Passed

XI. Adjourn.

Motion: M. Barrios Second: A. Hudson Passed

M. Barrios
1/22/24
Kim S Neese
1/22/24