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**December 5, 2022 Board Meeting  
Minutes**

Regular Meeting – via Zoom  
 Conference North Carolina Learns,  
 Inc.  
 Board of Directors  
<https://zoom.us/j/95027303364>

Board Members Present		Board Members Absent	Others in Attendance Non-Voting
			Chad Long, K12- P
Sara Struhs- P	Brenda Robertson- P		Chris Withrow, ED- P
Dr. Steven Peters- P		Lisa	Katie Gomersall, K12- P
Walter Martin- P		Chris	Lea King- K12
Mark Fleming- P			Harry Kaplan- P
			Tasha Parnell K12- P
			Ashley Allen- P
			Kelly Shanahan, K12- P
			John Kramer, K12- P
			Jillian Davenport- P

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Sara Struhs called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Before conducting business, the Executive Director took the roll to ensure that the board's quorum existed. With a quorum present, board business could be performed.

The mission was read for the full board to drive the actions and deliberations for the meeting.

**ACTION:** Mr. Mark Fleming, made a motion to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes and seconded, by Mrs. Brenda Robertson. The motion passed unanimously.

## II. CONSENT AGENDA:

**ACTION:** Mr. Mark Fleming, made a motion to approve the consent agenda and seconded, by Mr. Walter Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

## III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Jillian Davenport – Community Engagement- 43 in-person events hosted to date across all school levels. Monthly community service projects working with Stride partner. National Junior Honor Society led food drive. School based clubs- 43 offerings- 963 enrolled in clubs. Kids for Critters specialized in 4<sup>th</sup> grade about pet ownership. Celebrations- SIP goals focused to meet involvement goals. HS e-sports in play-offs- scored top 6 in chess and 7 out of 8 league of legends. Arts club seeking students to present their artistic style. College and Career Prep Scholars, facilitated by Stride as a pilot, leading students through college and scholar opportunities. Learning Coach supports- seeking ways to continue supports for Learning Coaches. Spring efforts for engagement are ready to deploy such as spelling bee, outings, and club events.
  - i. Fellowship Christian Athletes- Mrs. Brenda Robertson asked for clarification on how this looks in the virtual setting. Mrs. Jillian Davenport will secure additional information back to Mrs. Brenda Robertson.
- b. Finance Update – Dr. Steven Peters – Met 11/28/2022- discussed K12 Invoice for November- DPI posted funding rates are not released to date. Deficit sits at \$150,000 which is a decrease from the start of the year. Long-term funding insured through FDIC with a limit a \$200,000 per financial institution as a option through CD with current bank. Financial audit is complete
- c. HOS Update –. Katie Gomersall- Preparation for check-in#2 next week, December staff holiday meal was shared with positive reception and \$60,000 bonus will be paid our to staff in December. Celebration include Elementary School is #1 Stride School for MindPlay and Glennan Saraceno, MS Interventionist presented at Stride Head of School Executive Director meeting on gaming with curriculum. Focus to close semester engagement and having students finish strong academically.
- d. ED—Chris Withrow- special thanks to our Stride team lobbyist for joining us. Also, to Tasha Parnell for returning back to school for her Administrative License.
- e. Stride Lobbyist- Harry Kaplan- legislation to grant full Charter status with legislature rep and staff- working on scheduling a meeting.

**ACTION:** Mr. Walter Fleming, made a motion to approve discussion items and seconded, by Mrs. Brenda Robertson. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS:

##### A. CD investment moving forward

**ACTION:** Mr. Walter Fleming, made a motion to approve discussion items and seconded, by Mr. Walter Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

##### B. Gaylor- Chris Withrow, ED, follow-up on (1) MOU from attorney- needs further board review. (2) Work-boots- support for financially struggling students. Mrs. Sara Struhs supports follow-up on reading of MOU.

**ACTION:** Mr. Walter Fleming, made a motion to approve purchase of boots for students in Gaylor Pilot Program. and seconded, by Mr. Marc Fleming. The motion passed unanimously.

#### V. Chair Comments

Mrs. Sara Struhs shared her best wishes on his new endeavor with Stride as he will be leaving NCVA. Board will schedule a celebration for his work at NCVA on 1/5/2023. The 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February, Annual Board training, working on strategic plan. Moving forward, ED replacement, start process January to start efforts. She thanks all the efforts by the board and administrators to get the school where they are.

#### Question(s):

1. Mark Fleming- requirement per Charter on ED Role and compliance.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Mark Fleming and properly seconded by Mr. Steve Peters. The motion passed unanimously. With the completion of all agenda items, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting ended at 5:54PM.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on January 9, 2023, at 5 PM.