**Lighthouse Community School specializes in highly individualized, flexible, and intensive strategies to meet the educational needs of youth in the child welfare system.  We take pride in employing unconditional positive approaches to foster a safe, stable community that develops effective social skills and enhances academic progress for students whose current or ongoing needs are best met in our small school.**

**Lighthouse Community School Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2017**

A board meeting of the Lighthouse Community School Board was called to order by David Greenfield, Board Chair, December 11, 2017 at 6:00pm at Lighthouse Youth & Family Services, 401 E. McMillan Street, Cincinnati Ohio 45206.

Board Members Present: David Greenfield, Kent Friel, Nancy Shepardson, David Markstein, and Carolyn Campbell, Shannon Long.

Staff: Daniel Trujillo, Judy Oakman.

CPS Laison: Ashley Addo

Board members and staff reviewed the minutes from October 23, 2017. Dave Markstein moved and Shannon Long seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ashley Addo brought the Board up to date on the status of the CPS appeal to ODE for changing their sponsorship rating. The hearing officer is currently writing briefs to send to ODE. CPS is also preparing briefs to send to ODE. The hearing officer will make a recommendation based on the evidence he heard that the score be changed or that the score remain the same. The recommendation will then be sent to the State of Ohio Board of Education and they will decide to accept the recommendation or deny the recommendation. This could happen as early as January. Should the score be changed enough for CPS to go from a 0 rating to a 1 rating on their quality component, CPS’s 2016 evaluation will go from “Poor” to “Ineffective”. CPS would then be able to maintain their sponsorship. CPS would then have to bring their score up from “Ineffective” to “Effective” within 3 years. The 2017 evaluation was also ineffective and so CPS would have this current 2018 school year to bring their score up to “Effective”. Should the State of Ohio Board of Education not change the 2016 Sponsorship rating, ODE will automatically take over the sponsorship of the school.

CPS will continue to operate as though they will be the sponsor throughout this year. LCS will need to renew the one year contract. LCS will begin the renewal process in February.

Ashley also presented the LCS school board with the Lighthouse House Community School End of Year Report. The Board did not have time to go through the entire document. The board members will receive the full report via electronic file and will discuss at the next board meeting in February.

Judy Oakman presented the school financials for October through November. The number of students attending LCS is extremely low. The annual budget is expected to go from a $38K deficit to a $125k deficit. There is a significant drop in students that are diagnosed as ED. Liquid assets in the bank are at dropped from $200,000 to $165,000 with Total Assets at $600,000. Student enrollment is at 52 FTE. A total of 55 FTE was budgeted. Carolyn Campbell moved and Nancy Shepardson seconded a motion to accept the budget as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Trujillo asked the Board for authorization to purchase up to $500 in $10 Walmart Gift cards to give out to students during the holiday celebration on Dec. 15, 2018. The Beacon of Light Foundation will make a contribution to cover the expense. Kent Friel moved and Shannon Long seconded a motion to approve this request. The motion passed unanimously.

The board accepted the resignations of Chris Harris, Fran Unger and Tatiana Rozhnova. A quorum has been difficult to reach due to the high number of director on the board. Daniel Trujillo will work with the school attorney, Albin Bauer II, on the code of regulations to reduce the number of directors in order to reach quorums more easily.

The Board next reviewed Mr. Trujillo's stoplight report. Mr. Trujillo explained the progress that was made and explained the reasons why some of the items had not been addressed at this time.

Next Board meetings: February 19, 2018, April 16, 2018 (401 E. McMillan St)

June 18, 2018 (6100 Desmond Street)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted byDaniel Trujillo