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### Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday – May 18, 2026

#### MISSION

To cultivate students through academic excellence, critical thinking and environmental responsibility, focusing on student success, outdoor education and serving the community.

#### VISION

To be a leader in education and environmental stewardship in Tampa Bay, contributing to a sustainable world.

#### I. Call meeting to order 6:00 P.M.

- Verification and acknowledgement that a quorum is present

#### II. Announcements

#### III. Public Input

Attendees that wish to provide public input should follow the process below:

A signup genius link has been provided on the Board of Director's page of the School's website: [www.learninggate.org](http://www.learninggate.org) The signup link will be open until 2 hours before the start of the scheduled board meeting. When called upon, the attendee will be unmuted and should state their first and last name for appropriate record keeping in the meeting minutes. All attendees will be muted until they are called on by the board president. Speakers will be granted three minutes to address the board. When 10 or more speakers wish to speak during public comment, the board may reduce the time per speaker. The Board reserves the right to modify the speaking time based on the circumstances of any individual Board meeting. The Board respects the public's right to speak to the board, but we cannot tolerate behavior intended to interrupt the orderly conduct of this meeting. Our civility policy is in effect.

#### IV. Executive Committee Updates

Secretary – Minutes – Ezra Johnson

Treasurer – Financial Reports - Denelle Miller

#### V. MOU Audubon Society

Stan Kroh & Jim McGinity

#### VI. Committee Updates

Finance Committee – Denelle Miller

Governance – Chrissie Price

Facilities – Did Not Meet – No Chair

Fundraising – Kathy Goltermann

#### VII. Principal's Update

Michelle Mason Mental Health and Reading Plans for Approval

#### VIII. Staff Updates

Kelly Fox

Carlos Jordan

Kris Smith 26-27 Budget

#### IX. Parent Liaison Update

Brigette Oates - Hanna Campus

Shanna Hunt- Lutz Lake Campus

#### X. Expansion Updates

#### XI. Strategic Planning

Updates

#### XII. Old Business

#### XIII. New Business

#### XIV. Adjournment

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## Board Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Stan Kroh, Ezra Johnson, Mauricio Arias, Chrissie Price, Denelle Miller, Thania Clevenger, Trina Halfhide

**Board Members Absent:**

### Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Mason, Kris Smith, Kelly Fox, Kathy Goltermann

### Parent Liaisons:

**Brigette Oates** – Hanna Campus

**Shanna Hunt**- Lutz Lake Fern Campus

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 PM** by **Stan Kroh**

### Public Input-

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### Executive Committee Updates

- **Approval of Minutes:**
  - Ezra Johnson presented the April minutes for approval.  
**Denelle moved** to approve the minutes, **seconded by Mauricio**, motion passed.

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**Treasurer's Report (Denelle)** – The budget is looking good. But we need more fundraising and grants going forward. We've got to pick up the fundraising efforts!

Other than that, everything looks good. We need a motion to accept.

**Ezra motioned** to accept the treasurers Report. **Chrissie seconded**. Motion passed.

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## Committee

### Updates:

**Finance Committee (Denelle Miller)**- We met last week. Talked about budget and fundraising.

**Chrissie** Motioned to approve proposed budget, **Ezra** seconded. Motion passed.

**Governance Committee (Chrissie Price)**- Everyone should have received the doodle for scheduling the retreat.

**Facilities**- We are in need of a new chair.

**Edward Briggs**- We are moving forward with planning permission with Hillsborough county. At the moment, we've been able to address everything the county has thrown at us. Most comments have to do with transportation. Comments were minimal at LLF. We are trying to figure out the traffic pattern and turning radius with permitting at Hanna.

Everything looks on track though, we will keep you updated.

**Kathy Goltermann** – I'm working on the fundraising numbers, because it doesn't match what **Denelle** brought up. I am perusing grants and building relationships with businesses. I will be working hard to get those numbers up.

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**Principal's Update (Michelle Mason)**- I sent everyone the 26/27 mental health plan as well as the reading plan. Neither have changed much. I need to have both approved.

**Thania** motion to approve the mental health plan, **Denelle** seconded, motion passed.

**Ezra** motioned to approve the reading plan, **Thania** seconded, motion passed.

We have been doing all the end of year testing. Almost done. Reading and Math are scoring extremely well.

5<sup>th</sup> grade dance was a great event. 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration is coming! The middle school swap day is this Friday. So, we're busy but it's all super positive!

Summer program is getting ready and we're already planning for fall.

We currently have many ESE students. There is a strong likelihood that we will need to add an ESE person going forward.

### Staff Update:

**Kelly Fox:** The testing has been going really smooth. Great work staff!

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We are still working on getting parents up on the volunteer hours. The bioblitz happened a week ago and it was incredible.

Reading and math camp coming up.

It's so incredible to see the 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduating. We've known them since they were babies!

**Dr Carlos Jordan-** (not in attendance)

**Kris Smith:**

The lunch program was audited and there were findings that were difficult. We've worked through it all and it's been signed off. We are looking at other vendors to help us.

We just went through our credit rating and have retained our credit rating which is good news.

**Parent Liaison Updates:**

**Hanna Campus (Brigette Oates)-** No new updates today.

**Lutz Lake Fern Campus- (Shanna Hunt)-** Nothing to report today.

**Strategic Plan-** We will discuss at summer retreat.

**Old Business-**

**New Business-**

**Adjournment**

- **Denelle motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM, **seconded by Trina** , motion passed.

**Minutes Recorded By:**  
**Ezra Johnson, Secretary**

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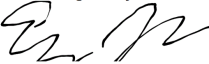



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**LGCS Board Executive  
Signatures**

Signed by:  
  
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Stanley Kroh, Chair Date

Signed by:  
  
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Chrissie Price, Vice Chair Date

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Ezra Johnson, Secretary Date

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Denelle Miller, Treasurer Date

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