



**Lone Star Success
Academy Meeting
Agenda/Notice**

Thursday

April 30,

2020 10:30am (CST)

To join the meeting

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Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of April 2020, the Board of Lake Granbury Academy Charter School will hold a regular board meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Lake Granbury Youth Service Program Administration Office, 1300 Crossland Rd, Granbury, TX. The subjects to be discussed, considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Please note that the sequence of items given in the posting is only approximate and that the order of individual items may be adjusted as necessary.

- I. Call to Order and Establish Quorum: **Call to Order at 10:40am & Quorum established.**
Attendees: Chris Hosek, Montoya Graham, Barry McBride, Tracy Bennett-Joseph, Cheryl Meyers, CJ Bower & Carol Cantrell
- II. Welcome and Recognition of Special Guests: **No Special Guests**
- III. Action Items
 - a. Consider Board approval of Board Minutes for the Meeting held on March 20, 2020:
Motion to approve March 20, 2020 minutes announced by Mr. Hosek and seconded by Mr. Graham, minutes approved.
- IV. Reports/Discussion Items
 - Superintendent and School report on:**
 - a. COVID-19 Update: **Site is practicing social distancing, daily student temperature checks and checking all staff upon entry and exit. They are also using a checklist for disinfecting areas and this checklist will be continued once teachers transition back to the classrooms. ROP has established at COVID19 Task Force that includes Ms. Joseph and Ms. Bower. Task force was created to ensure the safety of students and staff and ensure we are following all CDC guidelines. PSA's created by Canyon State are being shown to students and staff to help with COVID19 procedures. No positive cases of COVID19 have been identified at LSSA. ROP health insurance carrier is covering the cost of the COVID19 testing and waiving the co-payment.**
 - b. Current Instructional Model (challenges and rewards)
 - **Transition of teachers back on campus: Teachers are ready to return to campus. Current school set-up is challenging for the students because they have to remain in their cottages. Teachers are currently using YouTube and Zoom to provide instruction. They also provide weekly educational packets that are dropped**

off, picked up, graded and inputted into the grading system by the assigning teacher. Teachers also participate in a daily 9:30am Zoom call and a weekly individual check-in call to address any concerns.

TV's were installed in all cottages to help support remote education. They are used to show educational movies, presentations and museum tours.

LSSA will be participating in three educational competitions.

- Students returning to the classrooms: Possibly a July 1st date for teachers & students to return to the classroom. Upon return, teachers will rotate between classrooms instead of the students. Also will look at schedule to ensure social distancing.
 - Teacher agreement completed (1 teacher not retained): Teacher agreements completed this week. House Bill 3 regarding the teacher evaluation process. Ms. Joseph is working with TEA to possibly merge the new requirements with ROP's current evaluation process. Reviewing exceptional pay increase and how it will impact LSSA.
 - Increase in incidents
- c. Governor's Update: Local Government does not have authority to go over Governor's mandates.
https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/letter_to_commissioner_morath_4.20.20.pdf
- d. If the RTC follows TEA's guidance for RTC's during COVID-19 closures (see the link below), then school operations are defensible and appropriate: https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid_19_residential_school_program_guidance_updated_for_4.9.2020.pdf
- e. Average Daily Attendance
- The amount of the settle-up will depend on the variance of PEIMS final attendance and the timing for settle-up for the 2019-2020 school year will occur at the normal time (September 2020): We will not have an issue with funding due to the procedure put into place.
- f. One-year probationary certificate for qualifying candidates for the 2020-2021 school year (Govern Abbott issued a waiver): Cited by TJDD for teaching certifications for 3 staff. Working with TJDD to get them the TEA criteria. May have re-code our CTE teacher and Social Studies teacher may qualify for the one-year probationary certificate approved by the Governor.
- g. Posting of School Leader position for SY2020-2021
- V. Finance Report: Income for the month is \$98,000 but expenses were \$105,000. Staff increases will be paid by stipend and the rest of the year they will be in their payroll. PPP loan discussion regarding the benefit of applying to help cover expenses during COVID19. After discussing the benefits, the Board unanimously approved for Ms. Bower to apply for the PPP loan.
- a. CARES ACT
- <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/COVID-19%20Costs%20and%20CARES%20Act%20Funding%20FAQ.pdf>
- VI. Adjournment: 11:12am

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Lake Granbury Academy Charter School Superintendent