



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD of LA TIERRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of La Tierra Community School and to the general public that the Governing Board of La Tierra Community School will hold a meeting open to the public.

Time: October 28, 2020 5:10pm

Location: Meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM due to COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact Julie Jongsma by calling the school office or emailing julie@latierracommunityschool.org as soon as possible and prior to start of meeting for assistance attending virtually.

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Meeting ID: 870 2188 2939

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Meeting Type: Regular Session

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- Members of the Governing Board will attend either in person or by telephone or video conference call.
 - The Governing Board may consider any item on this agenda in any order and at any time during the meeting.
 - A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the LTCS Office (located at 134 N. Virginia St., Prescott, Arizona 86301) during regular work hours and on the school website at www.latierracommunityschool.org at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.
 - Copies of agendas and supplementary documentation relative to public meetings are available from the LTCS Office during normal work hours 24 hours prior to meeting and on the evening of the meeting.
 - Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Julie Jongsma at 928-445-5100 prior to the meeting. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodations.
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LTCS Mission Statement

We provide active, transformative and integrative educational experiences that respect diverse learning styles and approaches. Our educational philosophy is inspired by the expeditionary learning model and covers a spectrum of experiential education elements that are inclusive, progressive and value-based. We value academic rigor, diversity and provide a developmentally appropriate, student-centered learning environment that encourages growth in all developmental areas, fosters natural curiosity and promotes critical thinking and reflection. Our highly qualified teaching faculty is committed to fostering each student's uniqueness while promoting their sense of curiosity, exploration and discovery. Our curriculum is centered on a differentiated instructional approach assuring that each student's needs are met. Students are involved in many experiential projects that explore diverse cultures, local and global perspectives, and environmental and social justice issues. Each semester students celebrate their learning and in-depth knowledge through school wide expeditions.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. Opening Items

- A. Call to order
- B. Adoption of the agenda (Discussion of items is not in order)
- C. Approve Minutes from 9-23-20

II. Information Items

- A. Board training and special presentation (Discussion Item)
 - 1. Facilities Financing - Charter School Capital representative Mike Robinson will review facilities financing options available to LTCS
 - 2. Charter School Board Finance 101 - Aspire Business Consultants representatives Heather Jones and Kristy Aston (LTCS accountant) will review key components of LTCS annual budget as well as general financial responsibilities of charter school boards.
- B. Director Reports Rhette Buller and Julie Jongsma
 - 1. Enrollment
 - 2. Student Achievement (Discussion Item)
 - a) Quarterly Benchmark Analysis - Q & A with Rhette
 - b) Staff Professional Development Calendar presented to board by Rhette
 - 3. Maintenance
 - 4. Finance
 - 5. Personnel
 - 6. Compliance (Discussion Item)
10 year charter review by Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. Board will review with Julie Jongsma.
 - 7. COVID-19 Response (Discussion Item)
Board and directors may discuss the state of affairs with regards to LTCS' response to COVID-19. May discuss finance, programs, policies, or guidelines related to the school's response to COVID-19.
- C. Board Report Sierra Wilson
 - 1. Planning/Board Calendar - review upcoming board work
 - 2. Training - review training needs and upcoming training schedules
 - 3. Recruitment/Board composition - review composition and recruitment needs
- D. Finance Report (Discussion Item) Julie Jongsma and Sierra Wilson
 - 1. Budget Summary
Board will review monthly financial reports summary. Board Discussion may follow.
 - 2. Covid-19 budget - Financial implications of COVID-19 including changes in funding, additional funding sources and budgetary needs. Board discussion may follow.

III. Public comments (Members of the Governing Body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during and open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action)

IV. Action Items (Matters on which the Governing Body may take legal action during the meeting)

- A. Affirmation of four day school week - Monday through Thursday Julie Jongsma
RELEVANT INFORMATION: In accordance with 10 year charter review findings, the board must affirm certain current operating procedures in order to update information with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.
- B. Affirmation of grades served - Kindergarten through 7th grade Julie Jongsma
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- C. Adoption of policies in ASBA Charter Policy Handbook Sierra Wilson

Board is asked to rescind and nullify all current and past policies of the Governing Board of La Tierra Community School and adopt the Policy Handbook developed with consulting assistance from the Arizona School Boards Association, containing any selected and retained documents from the predecessor Handbook and new and modified documents hereby prescribed and approved by the Governing Body.

RELEVANT INFORMATION: Board has purchased Charter Policy Services from the Arizona School Boards Association. Board, Directors, and Nancy Alexander have reviewed the ASBA Policy Manual for Charter Schools and made necessary revisions. Once manual is adopted, ASBA will provide digital and print copies to the school. Manual will be available online in ASBA's Policy Bridge (link on LTCS website). This document can be obtained in the school office (124. N Virginia St, Prescott AZ) during normal office hours or by emailing board@latierracommunityschool.org.

V. Information and Discussion items

- A. Bylaws Revision Sierra Wilson
RELEVANT INFORMATION: With the adoption of the Policy Handbook, board must review and revise bylaws in order to maintain consistency of board policies and procedures.
- B. Facilities acquisition process and needs. Matt Hart
- C. Financial and Enrollment Dashboard Bee Sena
Board will revisit discussion from August, 2020.

VI. Information Items

- A. Future Agenda Items
- B. Meeting Dates

VII. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted at the La Tierra Community School Office (124 N. Virginia St, Prescott, AZ 86301) on [date and time] in accordance with the statement filed by the [name of public body].

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____[time]

By _____
[name and title of person signing the certification]