

Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 24, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

1) Meeting Called to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm, attendance confirmed Trustee Jason Nero, Trustee Dave Samero, Trustee Ross Kukish, Ashlee Wheel, Amy Evans, Bonnie Benner, Brian Walsh, Executive Director Mike Harner, and Caleb White. The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

2) Public Comment

No public comment

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes for August were reviewed and approved, mentioned by Caleb White and Second by Trustee Jason Nero

3) Facilities Update/Real Estate

1. 10 Sharon St. Trustee Kukish and Mike Harner to meet with Warren Street Architects to work on the buildout of the additional classroom(s).
2. New Property: 700 Dublin Rd. Peterborough, NH

Had the bi-weekly conference call this week. Construction is moving along great!

- Some items that were discussed were:

- Possibly adding/securing insulation in the ceiling in auditorium
- Sistering up the joists for air handler for support
- Engineer – snow load for the roof code... Both roofs are like this... just to make known and monitor it with the snow load.
- Lighting in the auditorium to add/adjust...
- Ketala Roofing bid for the job... working on schedule.
- Site lighting ideas and donation... check on light pollution.
- Have a delivery date for the elevator!

3. Work on six year timeline for schools ultimate buildout. We began in depth conversation on the steps we need to take and the objectives of the timeline. We

also began discussing what we need. We are working towards the December 31, 2025 timeline for results from this building committee.

- a. The next steps we discussed are:
 - i. Facilities
 - ii. Financial
 - iii. Timeline
- b. What do we want to present and how to present.
- c. Building Needs:
 - i. A tentative total space of 56,700 sq foot building(s) need was a suggestion made for location with gymnasium included.
 - ii. Discussed an adequate space for a 756 student enrollment with 75/sq ft per student.
 - iii. Good music room
 - iv. 2-3 chemistry rooms
 - v. Kitchen area? School lunch?
 - vi. General melt going from k-8 and then melt anticipated going into 9th grade and beyond, need to look at the data.
 - vii. What do the best facilities look like, samples, what are they. ED Mike Harner to work on that information.
 - viii. Sports program. From Lionheart to public school programs...
 - 1. What are the options for sports?
 - a. Hybrid 3-4 sports we can do. In house
 - b. Baseball/football go to the district...
 - 2. Figure out more fields. And/or utilize/reorganize existing field. Get a cost for the field rehab./run electric/lights/phone

- 4. We discussed the formation of a Capital Campaign. We are working with Executive Director Mike Harner on this and will continue to work on this in parallel with the building committee.

4) Finance Update: Katlyn was not on the call and will discuss next time.

- Stock still on hold. Talking with the donor to work on timing of the transfer.

5) Fundraising

- Ashlee Wheel – 15K from golf tournament. Monday launched Thanksgiving Pie fundraiser linked with Spring Village. Price has gone down from last year less then \$30/pie. A portion of donations will be to Alzheimer's. Seed fundraiser will go out earlier to they are ready to go. Raise Crazy a hit last year and that will happen again,

acts of kindness. Link up with Spring Village. Annual Event in April. Looking at something in Dec and in May for events... any ideas welcome.

- Breakfast with Santa at Lionheart... or Christmas Trees sales. Possibly at Charlies across from Sharon St. location.
- Linking up with Spring Village and trying to link up more... could get this done more with other retirement homes. Create a template from Spring Village and then move on to other homes.
- Looking at a middle school concert as well as do singing at the homes during Christmas season.
- Charitable gaming., still working on this to get it going, Ashley Wheel and ED Mike Harner.
- Donor dinner in early November... last year was Dec 5th... Possibly a location at the new school as a sneak peak, otherwise we will look at Toah Nipi like last year.
- 100 Mile bike ride team up with local biker who do ride third weekend of September and what we would need to get it done for next year.
- Working on next year golf tournament. Dates, details, etc.
- Minted is happening again. Ashlee is working on that and sending an email mid October.. For Holiday Cards
- Cub Club. Connect with Mike to work through next steps
- Winter Carnival possible, getting help for and looking for a fall carnival next year in New Ipswich.
- Middle of October, letter for qualified charitable donations for individuals 73 and older... and in the letter making it known for stock donations at the end of the year.... And that cash is always welcomed... Letter would be sent to entire community. Add to Cub Club....
- Grandparent(s) day. An early December event.

6) Security: in Discussion

- a. Blue U defense proposal for a security assessment
- b. Reach out to PD first and then go from there on next steps.
- c. Continued to work towards next steps and outline of overall scope of work.

7) Next finance meeting is on October 29th at 6pm

8) Public Meeting Adjourned at 7:08am. Motioned by Bonnie and Second Jason Nero