

Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

February 15, 2022

7:00 p.m. in the PCCS High School Auditorium

Board Members present: Jennifer Barker-Zoom, Charlene Crawford, Wendi Greemon, Star Hamilton, Lisa Largent, Ciara Leisey, Melia Mauldin, Scott McRaney, Alex Poole, and Mark Stephens. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance: Jennifer Killen, Head of Schools, members of the school administration; and members of the school community (parents).

Board President, A. Poole, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. then read the PCCS mission statement. Following the mission statement, he asked for a moment of silence.

A motion was made by C. Crawford to add an Athletic Scholarship proposal to the agenda under section B-Finance of the Committee Reports. No further discussion was held. M. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments scheduled.

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced-

- The PCCS Piedmont Dancers recently competed in the Scholastic Dance Festival at UNC Greensboro and placed 3rd and 4th in several categories;
- The National Honor Society led a successful winter food drive at the high school campus benefiting the Greater Gaston Baptist Association. Over 5,000 food items were donated to help many families in our community.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by M. Mauldin to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022, Board of Directors meeting. No further discussion was held. C. Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

- a. Governance Committee Report: C. Crawford
 - reported the Committee met February 1, 2022 to continue discussing the PCCS Dress Code;
 - Next meeting will be held on March 8, 2022.
 - A. Poole stated per state law the Board must review the Face Coverings Policy monthly. He presented the Gaston County COVID update report from Steve Eaton, Gaston County Public Health Director as well as the PCCS performance of COVID cases and quarantines. Based on the information available, Steve Eaton recommended to mandate masks.

- A. Poole asked for a motion on the Face Coverings Policy. S. McRainey made a motion to continue the Face Covering Policy of masks optional. M. Stephens seconded the motion. A. Poole asked for the vote: The motion passed 4-3. Affirmative votes: W. Greemon, M. Mauldin, S. McRainey, and M. Stephens. Negative votes: J. Barker, C. Crawford, L. Largent.

- b. Treasurer/Finance Committee: M. Stephens presented
 - the Budget Report, Surplus & Cash Report, and Bond Report;
 - an Athletic scholarship proposal of \$2000 (\$1000 each to male and female athlete). A discussion was held. The criteria/requirements have not been finalized yet but they are being discussed by a committee that High School Director Ernie Bridges has formed. Mr. Bridges shared some of the potential criteria/requirements that will be discussed such as GPA, attendance, community service, and character. An application will not be required. The scholarships would be presented at the Athletic Banquet at the end of the year. A motion was made by C. Crawford to approve the athletic scholarship. No further discussion was held. The motion was seconded by W. Greemon. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Head of School Report: J. Killen presented
 - the Compliance Submission Report which did not have any submissions due since the January 18, 2022, Board of Directors meeting;
 - the Enrollment Report and Withdrawal Spreadsheet. There are 1805 current students (656 Elem, 637 MS, 512 HS);
 - PCCS has received 942 lottery applications thus far. The last day to apply is March 30, 2022. The lottery will be held on March 31, 2022.
 - the 2021 Charter School Performance Framework: There are 4 areas of focus- Operational Annual Monitoring Criteria, Operational Renewal Monitoring Criteria, Financial Compliance, and Academic Outcomes. PCCS was compliant in all areas applicable to the school.
 - the date for the next Board meeting date: March 15, 2022.
 - the date and location of the 2022 Prom: April 29 at The Barn at Sand Castle Farm.

- d. Enrichment Committee Report: L. Largent reported-
 - the Committee met on February 8, 2022, via Zoom.
 - growth scores are in line with the state. PCCS either met or exceeded growth overall. Interventions are put into place if PCCS is not meeting growth. Having a stable year, keeping the classrooms full and the students in school has contributed to rise in proficiency and growth.
 - social activity opportunities in the middle school and high school are open again. There are 5 active clubs in middle school and 14 in high school. There are many

great activities that are offered throughout the year such as the Christmas Pageant, Book Fair, Pep Rally, and upcoming Prom.

- the next meeting will be held on March 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

e. Athletic Committee Report: J. Barker reported-

- the committee did not meet this month.
- Homecoming was held on February 4, 2022, with 3 Basketball games being played (JV, Girls, Boys). Great evening with a great attendance & school spirit, crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen, and good games played.
- Mrs. Killen commented on the great school spirit at the middle school basketball games.

f. Facilities Committee Report: M. Mauldin announced

- the need to replace the roof for Elementary mobile unit. She presented the proposal by GSM with two options. A discussion on the options, the number of proposals received, the timeline of the project, and the budget impact was held. Several commented that option two was good since it is for a 20-year warranty and a better product. A motion was made by L. Largent to approve option two for replacement of the elementary school roof. No further discussion was held. The motion was seconded by M. Mauldin. The motion passed unanimously.
- next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at the middle school to discuss the parking lot.

New business:

Chairman, A. Poole and past Chairman, Michael Satterfield presented Jennifer Killen with a plaque and other gifts of appreciation for her 20 years of service at PCCS.

A Poole thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Barker, PCCS Board Secretary