

Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Special Meeting

August 10, 2021

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

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

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

Board President, A. Poole, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the PCCS mission statement followed by a moment of silence.

Before moving to public comments, A. Poole stated that the prior Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on July 27, 2021 was to present and vote on the school administration's 2021-2022 School Opening Plan. The vote to approve the plan did not pass due to 1) masks would be optional and 2) Board members wanted additional feedback from the parents. A parent survey was conducted that showed majority support for optional masks.

A. Poole shared the public comments guidelines. There were 4 public comments: Jonathan Roberto, Alvin Rhodes, Heather McEntire, and James Baldwin (in order as written).

J. Killen began her presentation by sharing the results of the staff survey that was conducted which showed 80% in favor of optional masks. Then she reminded the Board of Directors that there are no mandates in place at the moment requiring masks. Finally, she invited Sarah Nobles, PCCS Elementary School Nurse, to speak.

S. Nobles spoke about the 2020-2021 school year and how the experience of COVID impacted the students and staff. She shared her support and recommendation to allow masks to be optional.

J. Killen read the new 2021-2022 School Opening Plan.

A. Poole opened the floor to the Board of Directors for discussion. All Board Member participated in the discussion.

- B. Rhodes shared her teacher experience during COVID and her recommendation.
- Quarantine and social distancing guidelines were discussed.
- No-win situation was described. Compromise should be the answer to the issue. Responsibility and accountability of all stakeholders (parents, teachers,

students, administration and the Board of Directors) should take place to ensure the health and safety of the PCCS community.

- Thank you and appreciation was given to all who gave input, recommendations, time, and energy into the 2020-2021 school year and the creation of this plan.
- A charge was given to parents to communicate with their school parent representatives who serve on the Board. The representatives cannot speak or vote on the parent's behalf if they are unaware of the issues, concerns, or preferences of the parents.

A motion was made by M. Stephens to accept the PCCS 2021-2022 School Opening Plan. S. McRainey seconded the motion. No more discussion was held. 5 affirmative (J. Barker, W. Greemon, M. Mauldin, S. McRainey, and M. Stephens) 2 opposed (C. Crawford, L. Largent). The motion passed 5-2.

A. Poole thanked everyone for attending and sharing their comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Stephens', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.