

# Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

April 18, 2023

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

**Board Members present:** Kim Cabe, Wendi Greemon, Lisa Largent, Sarah Nobles, Melia Mauldin, Scott McRainey, Alex Poole, Michael Satterfield, Deannie Starnes, and Paul Tharp. A quorum was present.

**Others in attendance:** Jennifer Killen, HOS and members of the school community (administration, guests and parents).

Board President, A. Poole, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the PCCS mission statement.

Following the mission statement, A. Poole asked for a moment of silence.

There were no public comments scheduled.

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced

- Piedmont has been nominated in a record number of categories for us in this year's Best of Gaston Awards: Best Charter School, Best Place To Work, Best Principal (all three directors - Pam Huffstetler, Sheila Richards, and Holly White), Best Boss (Sheila Richards), Best Teacher (5th grade teachers Rhonda Carr and Paula Hamman, and kindergarten teacher, Erica Barnes), and Person of the Year (Sheila Richards).
- Three 9th graders have been selected for the Commissioners School of Excellence: Eva Kline, Logan Liles, and Viktoria Pena Adamovicova! They will attend this summer and have the opportunity to learn firsthand from local leaders.
- The high school Chorus and Band both attended MPA and had wonderful performances, earning praise from the judges. The chorus earned Excellent and Superior scores. And the band earned an Excellent rating and received a Superior in sight reading.
- The elementary campus had a hugely successful fundraising campaign with its Boosterthon Fun Run - \$37,553 in pledged donations! The money raised will go toward the new playground, upgrades to the staff lounge, and a digital marquee.
- The PCCS eSports Club received a \$1,000 grant from the Gastonia East Rotary Club to spend on equipment. Congratulations, Mr. Richards and the eSports Club!
- Mr. Richards has been nominated as an Education Super Hero through the Charlotte Observer.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- A motion was made by M. Satterfield to approve the minutes from March 21, 2023, Board of Director's meeting. No further discussion was held. S. McRainey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Reports:

- a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: S. McRainey shared
  - the updates and financial status of the Budget Report and Surplus & Cash Report for March 2023;
- b. Head of School Report: J. Killen shared
  - the Compliance Submission Report which had no Epicenter-Office of Charter Schools or DAC to EMMA filing requirements for the month of March.
  - the Enrollment Report and Withdrawal Spreadsheet. The budget is set for 1890. Currently, there are 1815 students (647 Elementary, 632 Middle School, 536 High School). There were 3 withdrawals since the last report in March 2023.
  - an update on the Lottery- applications are over 1400 as of 3-21-23;
  - the upcoming events:
    - April 21 - Prom
    - May 16 - Board Meeting
    - May 24 - Last Day of School
    - May 26 - Graduation
    - June 20 - Annual Board Meeting
    - August 5 - Board Training 8:30-12:00
- c. Enrichment Committee Report: L. Largent reported
  - No Report
- d. Athletic Committee Report: P. Tharp reported
  - No Report
- e. Facilities Committee Report: M. Mauldin reported
  - J. Killen discussed meeting with Commercial Door Worx and quote received to replace doors at the Middle School and Elementary school campuses. Request was to approve up to \$100,000 to move forward and schedule this project for the summer. Lisa Largent made motion to approve and Scott McRainey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - M. Mauldin presented a report on the Middle School parking lot renovation project. Three companies provided quotes and after research and working through each she presented that Abernethy Contracting would be the best company to complete this project for Piedmont. Per M Mauldin and the facilities committee approval was requested to move forward/complete the project with funding of \$952,891 and that Melia Mauldin be empowered by the board to act as the board's representative for this project with abilities to approve payments as required to complete the project and make decisions on the board's behalf throughout the project. Paul Tharp made the motion to approve moving forward with Abernethy Construction to complete the Middle School parking lot project as presented and Lisa Largent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- f. Governance Committee Report: M. Satterfield reported
- No Report

A. Poole announced the date of the next Board Meeting: May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

A. Poole adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Barker", is written below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Jennifer Barker, PCCS Board Secretary