Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

March 18th , 2025

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

**Board Members present:** Scott McRainey, Emily Rodgers, Melia Mauldin, Kim Richardson, Melissa Gardner, Jackie Cansler, Wendi Greemon, Lisa Largent, Elizabeth Inzana. A quorum was present.

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

M.Mauldin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and read the PCCS mission statement.

Following the mission statement, M. Mauldin asked for a moment of silence.

There were no public comments scheduled.

M. Mauldin made a motion to add an item under the report on Facilities committee – W. Greemon made motion and S. McRainey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced**

- 11th grader Molly Gaston was accepted to the 2025 NC Governor's School in the discipline of Choral Music. She was selected through a competitive process to attend this residential program for and talented high school students. Congratulations Molly!
- Middle School's 7th and 8th grade performed at MPA – Music Performance Adjudication and earned Excellent ratings! We are very proud of their remarkable performance.
- We congratulate Piedmont senior Emory Ivie who was awarded 1st place in the 2025 Gaston County High School Senior Art Show for her incredible graphite work, Native American Paint.
- We were excited to celebrate student art at last weekend's K-12 Art Festival held at the middle school campus! We had a wonderful turnout of students and families and want to thank our art teachers – Mrs. Greene at the elementary school, Mrs. Lutz at the middle school, and Mrs. Williams and Mr. Veilleux at the high school for all their hard work putting together this event showcasing Piedmont talent.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

- A motion was made by S. McRainey to approve the minutes of the February 18th$^{th}$ Board of Directors meeting. W. Greemon seconded. No further discussion was held. M. Mauldin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: S. McRainey shared the updates and financial status of the Budget Report as of February 28$^{th}$, 2025, as well as the Surplus and Cash for period ending February 28$^{th}$, 2025.

b. J. Killen shared the Head of School Report which included

- Compliance Submission Report
  - The following items were submitted to the EpiCenter – office of Charter Schools for February
    - Liability Insurance
    - Criminal History Check Policy
  - For DAC to EMMA for February
    - Unaudited financial statements and other financial information of the Borrower with respect to the School, including Statement of Revenues and Expenses, a Balance Sheet for the Borrower, and Calculation of the Coverage Ratio and Days Cash on Hand, each in comparative form with the financial figures from the corresponding period in the preceding Fiscal Year
- The enrollment Report
  - As of 1/13/25 we had 1906 enrolled and have reached full enrollment (666 at Elementary, 635 at Middle and 605 at High School). Over 1440 are on the waiting list.
- The personnel report
  - March included 2 New Hires – A Science Teacher and Custodian at the Middle School A motion was made by E. Rodgers to approve the personnel report. Motion was seconded by L. Largent. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.
  - We received $25,00 from the Center for Safer Schools and we are very happy about that!

- Calendar
    - April 15th – Next Board Meeting

c. Enrichment Committee Report:
    a. No report

d. Athletic Committee Report:

i. Middle School Update:

1. Spring sports are in full swing at the middle school
2. We offer:
    a. Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer and Co-Ed Golf for the spring
        i. Softball is currently 0-2 on the season
        ii. Girls Soccer is currently 1-2
        iii. Baseball is 1-2
        iv. Golf is 0-1
        v. Our Cheerleading Squad attended their first Cheer Competition at Jackson Day last month and won the Overall Most Spirited Award
            1. Taylor Howze was awarded Top Tumbler for the middle school division

ii. High School Update

1. Mr. Ballard has completed and submitted the Scholar-Athlete information for the fall and winter sports program. In order to qualify for the team award, the team must have a cumulative GPA of 3.1 or higher and must have at least 5 athletes on the roster. This GPA is calculated unweighted. All our teams for the fall and winter seasons earned Scholar Athlete team recognition:

| Team | GPA | |
|---|---|---|
| Volleyball | 3.56 | |
| Women's Tennis | 3.57 | |
| Men's Soccer | 3.54 | |
| Women's Cross Country | 3.67 | |
| Men's Cross Country | 3.59 | (Did not meet min. player requirement) |
| Cheerleading | 3.79 | |
| Men's Basketball | 3.41 | |
| Women's Basketball | 3.51 | |

Everyone who has a weighted GPA of 3.5 and above qualifies for the individual Scholar Athlete award. The following is the number of members of each team who qualified and the team membership:

| Team | Individual Qualifiers |
|---|---|
| Volleyball | 9/11 |
| Women's Tennis | 8/10 |
| Men's Soccer | 16/20 |
| Women's Cross Country | 8/8 |
| Men's Cross Country | 2/3 |
| Cheerleading | 14/16 |
| Men's Basketball | 7/13 |
| Women's Basketball | 10/13 |
| Total | 74/94 |

The NCHSAA recognizes teams with a certificate, all members of the team with a certificate, and individuals with a certificate.
In addition, the 3 teams with the highest GPA in the state in each classification will receive a plaque and a check for the athletic department.

e. Facilities Committee Report –
   a. We have quotes for GSM – we have talked about the HVAC unit at the Elementary campus prior and that is the quote to replace the parts. When they went to replace the parts, they found the whole compressor is bad so the additional quote is to replace the compressor as well. We are going to have to move this money from the fund balance and vote on that as well. S.McRainey made a motion to approve the quote as well as move the money from the fund balance. M. Gardner seconded the motion. No further discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

f. Governance Committee Report: -

- 2nd reading of the school safety and Threat Assessment Policy by E. Rogers, W. Greemon, M. Mauldin and M.Gardner. W. Greemon made a motion to approve the School Safety and Threat

Assessment Policy. E.Rodgers seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Dress Code Update – We need to vote on the highlighted items:
  - Solid undershirts or turtlenecks must be worn under cardigan sweaters and jackets
  - Students may not wear two pairs of bottoms (e.g. shorts under long pants, etc.) S. McRainey made a motion to approve the changes to the dress code. L. Largent seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Mauldin announced the next Board meeting will be held on April 15th

M. Mauldin adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Rodgers, PCCS Board Secretary