

Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

December 14, 2021

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

Board Members present: Jennifer Barker, Charlene Crawford, Wendi Greemon, Cody Green, Star Hamilton, Ciara Leisey, Melia Mauldin, Scott McRaine, 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. Poole announced that two (2) items have been added to 2b of the Agenda- Graduation venue and WIFI wiring + stage for the High School gymnasium.

There were no public comments scheduled.

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced-

- PCCS advanced to the NCTC state high school play festival and received the Distinguished Play award as well as the Festival Spirit Award, Excellence in Comedic Timing and a Superior Rating. Matthew Carper won Excellence in Acting.
- Six (6) high school chorus students were accepted into the Mars Hill University Choral Festival: Daniel Esquivel, Trevor Moreland, Kyndyl Porter, Suzie Rhodes, Jacob Sells, and Alijah Wilson.
- Several fund raising projects have been very successful over the last few weeks: the Middle School National Junior Honor Society raised \$576.23 by participating in the Salvation Army ring the bell and they are running a Basic Necessities drive for *Least of These of the Carolinas*, the Middle School Student Council and the Elementary Campus ran food drives which resulted in 8,500 cans collected to help Bread, Inc and the Salvation Army, and the Elementary Campus is also collecting donations for their Warming Tree project.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by M. Stephens to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting. C. Crawford seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

a. Governance Committee Report: C. Crawford

- reported the Committee did not meet this month. The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2022, to continue discussing the PCCS Dress Code;
- introduced Steve Eaton, Gaston County Public Health Director, who joined the meeting via Zoom. He shared the current Gaston County COVID-19 data and trends. Mr. Eaton stated the numbers are rising and there is a concern the trend is following the last surge that occurred in late summer. He stated the Public Health recommendation is to return to the Strong Schools NC Toolkit & Guidance and make masks a requirement. A. Poole asked if any Board Member had questions for Mr. Eaton- no questions were asked.
- A. Poole stated that PCCS is currently seeing the lowest number of COVID cases and quarantines. He asked for a motion on the Face Coverings Policy. M. Stephens made a motion to continue the Face Covering Policy of masks optional. W. Greemon seconded the motion. A. Poole asked for the vote: The motion passed 4-2. Affirmative votes: W. Greemon, M. Mauldin, S. McRaney, and M. Stephens. Negative votes: J. Barker and C. Crawford.

b. Treasurer/Finance Committee: M. Stephens presented

- the Budget Report, Surplus & Cash Report, and Bond Report;
- presented the quote of \$17,551.30 for the purchase of two (2) walk thru metal detectors from Maximum Fire & Safety for the Middles School. Several questions were raised:
 - Is there a screening process for new students? Yes, J. Killen explained the process.
 - When can metal detectors be used? J. Killen stated for random searches or if suspicion

W. Greemon made a motion to purchase the metal detectors from Maximum Fire & Safety for the amount on the quote. C. Crawford seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously;

- presented the Graduation venue proposal of \$7490 to be held at the Caramont Health Park (new downtown baseball stadium) on June 3, 2022, with a rain date of June 4, 2022. C. Crawford made a motion to approve the venue proposal. The motion was seconded by M. Mauldin. No discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously;
- presented the quote of \$23,389.40 for the purchase of a stage and installation of WIFI wiring from Rygid AV for the High School gymnasium to be used for overflow from auditorium events. A question was raised about the storage of the stage when not in use. J. Killen stated the stage will have a storage place that is out of the way. C. Crawford made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a stage and WIFI wiring based on the quote provided. The motion was seconded by W. Greemon. No discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Head of School Report: J. Killen
- presented the Compliance Submission Report, Enrollment Report, and Withdrawal Spreadsheet. There are 1840 current students (663 Elem, 642 MS, 535 HS). There were 6 withdrawals- most gave no reason;
 - presented the Personnel Report which included hiring an Elementary PT Custodian and an EC Teacher. A motion was made to approve the Personnel Report as presented by M. Stephens. The motion was seconded by C. Crawford. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously;
 - announced the upcoming calendar which included the holiday break and teacher workdays.
- d. Enrichment Committee Report: A. Poole reported for L. Largent who was absent from the meeting. He stated the Committee met via Zoom on December 7, 2021. A. Poole reported-
- The committee reviewed the iReady BOY data in Reading, Math for K-8, the NC Check-Ins data for Reading, Math, and Science for grades 3-8, and the Student Engagement and Teacher Working Conditions surveys.
 - MOY iReady assessments recently occurred and the High School is in the middle of exams. Next NC Check-in's will be held around February 2022. Over the next few years, the state plans to make changes to the current NC Check-Ins Assessment.
 - PCCS appears to be getting back on track despite the multitude of challenges and changes the Pandemic presented.
 - Next meeting for the Committee will be January 11, 2022.
- e. Athletic Committee Report: J. Barker reported-
- The High School cannot find pool access for practices for the Swim Team; therefore, they will have a Swim Clubs this year.
 - High school spring sports are underway: JV Boys Basketball and Varsity Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Cheerleading.
 - Coach Radford is receiving lighting bids for the soccer field.
 - The new weight room is projected to be completed by January 2022.
- f. Facilities Committee Report: M. Mauldin
- confirmed the Weight Room completion time.

A Poole thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Barker, PCCS Board Secretary