

Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

January 18, 2022

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

Board Members present: Jennifer Barker, Charlene Crawford, Wendi Greemon, Star Hamilton, Lisa Largent, Ciara Leisey, Melia Mauldin, Scott McRainey, 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.

There were no public comments scheduled.

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced-

- two students qualified for the All-District Honors Band- Peyton Earis (Middle School) and Claire Phillips (High School). Christopher Moore (High School) was named an alternate;
- over \$3.1 million in scholarship money has been offered to PCCS students over the last 4 years;
- the National Junior Honor Society collected over 300 items to donate to *Least of These of the Carolinas*. The Elementary campus donated cold weather items to the *Boys and Girls Club* and local families.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by M. Stephens to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2021, 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 did not meet in January. The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2022, to continue discussing the PCCS Dress Code;
- A. Poole 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. J. Killen stated the school is performing well thus far under the circumstances. J. Barker stated Gaston County is showing the highest percent positive number and one of the lowest vaccination rates within a 2-county radius.
- A. Poole asked for a motion on the Face Coverings Policy. W. Greemon made a motion to continue the Face Covering Policy of masks optional. S. McRainey

seconded the motion. A. Poole asked for the vote: The motion passed 4-3.
Affirmative votes: W. Greemon, M. Mauldin, S. McRaney, 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;
 - the projected budget report now that the State budget has been received. No further discussion was held. A motion was made by C. Crawford to accept the budget as presented by M. Stephens. The motion was seconded by S. McRaney. The motion passed unanimously;
 - the State staff bonuses. J. Killen shared the staff training requirements to receive the bonus which had been met. No further discussion was held. C. Crawford made a motion to approve the State staff bonuses. The motion was seconded by W. Greemon. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Head of School Report: J. Killen presented
- the Compliance Submission Report which included the Gaston County/PCCS Demographics Comparison and 2021-2022 PCCS Marketing Plan/Demographics Mirror Plan;
 - the Enrollment Report and Withdrawal Spreadsheet. There are 1807 current students (656 Elem, 637 MS, 514 HS). There were 34 withdrawals- most were early graduates or family moved;
 - the Personnel Report which included hiring a nurse to assist High School nurse Judy Reeves and an EC Teacher Assistant. No further discussion was held. A motion was made to approve the Personnel Report as presented by M. Stephens. The motion was seconded by C. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously;
 - announced the next Board meeting date: February 15, 2022.
- d. Enrichment Committee Report: L. Largent reported-
- the High School administration is pleased with the proficiency scores of the High School End-of-Course data for 2021-22 first semester;
 - the proficiency levels of the Elementary and Middle School middle-of-the-year data for year 21-22 are looking good considering the anticipated dips. More gains are expected next semester.
 - Next meeting for the Committee will be February 1, 2022.
- e. Athletic Committee Report: J. Barker reported-
- both Middle School and High School Basketball teams are doing well. COVID and inclement weather have been a factor in the number of games played;
 - Middle School spring sports: Baseball and Softball will begin February 1 and golf will begin in March;

- T. Wease has found a great deal on some much-needed equipment. He will be submitting a quote to J. Killen for the equipment along with a quote for protective screens for Baseball and Softball;
- T. Radford is researching quotes for a Softball pitching machine;
- C. Ballard is searching for more bus drivers;
- A quote has been received for the soccer field lighting. J. Killen presented the quote. Discussion included the number of quotes requested (3) and received (2), when it would be installed (summer of 2022) and how it will be paid (ERC funds PCCS received). W. Greemon made a motion to accept the quote from Premier Sports Lighting for \$237,209.91. The motion was seconded by C. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously;
- Homecoming will be held on February 4, 2022 with 3 Basketball games being played (JV, Girls, Boys).

f. Facilities Committee Report: M. Mauldin announced

- the Weight Room will be completed very soon. Only cleaning and installation of equipment is left then the Certificate for Occupancy will be issued.

A Poole thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Barker, PCCS Board Secretary