

Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Special Meeting

July 27, 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 (virtual), Alex Poole, and Beth Rhodes. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance: Ernie Bridges, Jennifer Killen, Sheila Richards, and Holly White.

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.

The meeting was open to the public. There were no public comments.

J. Killen began her presentation of the 2021-2022 School Opening Plan by first introducing the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit for K-12. She stated that the toolkit was updated on July 21, 2021 and is a recommendation not a mandate.

J. Killen read a statement from State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Catherine Truitt.

J. Killen read the PCCS 2021-2022 School Opening Plan that was created and being recommended by the PCCS administrative team.

A. Poole opened the floor for discussion on the plan. All Board members participated in the discussion. Questions, actions and comments included:

- a. quarantine guidelines for vaccinated students
- b. athletics
- c. clarification of elementary mask requirement from last school year
- d. reading of the recent CDC public health recommendation for Gaston County
- e. consequences of removing layers of protection against the virus especially for the students under the age of 12 since they can not be vaccinated
- g. concern for not following the recommendations of the CDC, other professionals or entities.
- h. uncertainty of the recent rise in positive cases and what federal, state or local guidelines or mandates may soon be put in place
- i. PCCS administration and nurse support of not requiring masks
- j. disruption to the classroom with teachers having to address student's non-compliance with proper wearing of their mask
- k. mask sanitary and infection control issues
- l. mask availability

- m. inconsistency of mask mandates with certain classes, athletics, etc.
- n. table decision until more information is made available
- o. concern of sending out information to families now and possibly having to change the plan in a few weeks.

A motion was made by W. Greemon to accept the PCCS 2021-2022 School Opening Plan with the addition of "At this time" to be added to the beginning of the second sentence. L. Largent seconded the motion. No more discussion was held. 2 affirmative (J. Barker and W. Greemon) 4 opposed (C. Crawford, L. Largent, M. Mauldin, S. McRainey). Motion did not pass.

The PCCS administrative team was asked to survey the families and create another plan to be presented to the Board at a special meeting on Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by J. Barker to adjourn the meeting. C. Crawford seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Barker", written in a cursive style.