# Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting
May 21, 2024
7:00 p.m. in the PCCS High School Auditorium

**Board Members present:** Jennifer Barker, Wendi Greemon, Lisa Largent, Melia Mauldin, Scott McRainey, Emily Rodgers, and Paul Tharp. A quorum was present.

**Ex-Officio Board Members present:** Kim Cabe, ES staff rep, Tiffany Jattan, MS staff rep, Jennifer Killen, HOS, Deannie Starnes, HS staff rep.

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

Board Vice-President, M. Mauldin, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 asked for a motion to make 2 changes to the Board meeting agenda including deleting the Head of School evaluation and moving the Head of School report to the Governance Committee report. A motion was made by W. Greemon to make the 2 changes to the agenda. No further discussion was held. E. Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced

- In the City of Gastonia Art Show, PCCS 7th grader Landon Robinson won 1st place and was the overall middle school winner with his "Freddie Mercury" portrait. 12th grader, Emma Langschwager won 1st place and was the overall high school winner for her "Shiny Object Study". Their artwork will be on display at the Schiele Museum for a year.
- The Middle School Chorus earned a Superior rating at the Carowinds Festival of Music this month. 8th-grade band students Josiah Dover and Lucas Holland were invited to perform with the Charlotte Concert Band as part of Musicians For a Lifetime.
- By the end of summer, six graduating Seniors (Kaela Bryson, Lyric Brown, Gauge Hardin, Nathan Turlington, Sabrina Lorca Lozano, and Mackenzie Coulter) will earn their Associate degree from Gaston College through PCCS's College Now program.
- The PCCS Scholar Athlete Awards were awarded to Klara Jenkins and Bryan Castrillon. Each received a $1500 scholarship to their chosen university.
- The Anne Beam Morgan Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Catherine Green who will attend UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall.
- 241 seats were awarded for the 2024-2025 school year after a new record 1,568 lottery applications.
- The Class of 2024 has received $3,700,550 in college scholarship offers!

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- A motion was made by E. Rodgers to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2024, Board of Directors meeting. No further discussion was held. P. Tharp 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 as of April 30, 2024.
   - Claire Wilson, CFO, presented the projected 2024-25 Budget. A motion was made by L. Largent to approve the 2024-2025 projected budget as presented. W. Greemon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Moved to f. Governance Committee Report

c. Enrichment Committee Report: Lisa Largent shared the committee met and discussed
   - the school's equity plan: suggestion from committee is to have a beginner coach for each campus instead of one for all three campuses.
   - teacher working conditions survey. PCCS teachers rated higher than the state level. The only lower rate than the state was having good internet connectivity.

d. Athletic Committee Report: E. Rodgers shared
   - Middle School Sports:
     - Spring sports have finished.
     - The Athletic Awards Banquet was held on May 7.
       - 109 school athletes (59 were raising 9th graders) were recognized.
       - All-Tournament Team Selections for the Postseason Tournaments for the spring were announced. They were Aleena Gaff - Girls' Soccer, Ezra Lynn - Softball, Preston Froneberger – Baseball, and Parker Wheeler – Golf.
   - High School Sports:
     - The Athletic Awards Night was held on May 8 to honor all high school athletes from the 2023-2024 school year. Some of the award winners were:
       - Lyric Brown – Athlete of the Year
       - Klara Jenkins – Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year, received a $1500 scholarship.
       - Bryan Castrillion – Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, received a $1500 scholarship.
     - Men's Tennis advanced to the state tournament quarterfinals.
     - Baseball clinched the Conference Championship.
     - Girls' soccer and softball teams secured 2nd place finishes in the conference.
     - Jackson Roper tied for 18th out of 92 golfers with a score of 79 in the State 1A Golf tournament.

e. Facilities Committee Report: M. Mauldin shared no report.

f. Governance Committee Report: J. Killen shared the Head of School Report
- the Compliance Submission Report.
  - No requirements were due or submitted to the Epicenter – Office of Charter Schools in May 2024.
  - The following items were submitted by the due date to EMMA (Electronic Municipal Market Access).
    - Unaudited financial statements and other financial information of the Borrower concerning the School, including a Statement of Revenues and Expenses, a Balance Sheet for the Borrower, and a 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.
    - Statement of the School's student count as of the most recently completed calendar quarter.
    - Statement of the student enrollment by grade at the School as of the close of such quarter.
    - Written notice of any changes in key personnel.
    - Certificate of a Disclosure Representative listing (A) any plans to expand the School or the Facilities (other than the construction project), (B) plans to change the School's organizational structure, (C) any existing and/or pending litigation that has arisen since the last such certificate, (D) any activities that may constitute noncompliance with the Borrower's charter for the School or any formal notices received regarding violations of that charter.
- the Enrollment Report and Withdrawal Spreadsheet. The budget is set for 1920. Currently, there are 1878 students (658 Elementary, 639 Middle School, 581 High School). There were no withdrawals since the last report in April 2023. Over 1300 students are on the waitlist.
- the contracts for Speech Pathology, and Occupational/Physical Therapy for the upcoming school year. A motion was made by J. Barker to approve the contracts for the services of Occupational/Physical Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology as presented. No further discussion was held. S. McRainey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; and

M. Mauldin announced the need to review Employee Contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.
J. Barker made a motion to go into closed session for Employee Contracts.
L. Largent seconded the motion. No discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously. The Board of Directors went into a closed session.

After the closed session, M. Satterfield reopened the Board meeting. S. McRainey abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. J. Barker made a motion to approve the Employee contracts for 2024/2025 that were presented in the closed session. L. Largent seconded the motion. No discussion was held. The motion passed.

M. Mauldin announced the next meeting will be the Annual Board Meeting on June 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

M. Mauldin adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Barker, PCCS Board Secretary