

Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

November 16, 2021

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

Board Members present: Jennifer Barker, Charlene Crawford, Wendi Greemon, Lisa Largent, Ciara Leisey, Melia Mauldin (virtual), Scott McRaney, 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, students, teachers).

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 followed by a moment of silence.

A. Poole asked for public comments. There was one on the schedule, Christine West.

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced-

- Four (4) elementary teachers were recipients of a grant from the J.C. and Elsie Kenley Estate Committee of Pisgah ARP Church-Gastonia. Donna Sosebee, Tammy Worley, Althea Rodgers, and Ginger Flynn will share \$1956 to use for classroom furniture, math manipulatives, and library books;
- Forty-nine (49) 7th and 8th graders qualified for the National Junior Honor Society;
- The High School Theatre Department brought home many awards from the 2021 NCTC High School Play Festival: A Superior Rating, Distinguished Play, Festival Spirit Award, Outstanding Achievement in Ensemble Acting, Excellence in Lighting Design (10th grader, Zack Spaur), and Excellence in Directing (Drama Teacher, Tiffany Perry). They will move on to participate at the State festival at Greensboro College on November 21.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by C. Crawford to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2021 Strategic Planning Board Session with one correction to attendance and the October 19, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. M. Stephens seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

- a. Governance Committee Report: C. Crawford
 - reported that the Committee met on November 9, 2021 and worked on revising 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 as well as the Public Health recommendation to adhere to the Strong

Schools NC Toolkit & Guidance and keep masks a requirement. A. Poole asked if any Board Member had questions for Mr. Eaton- no questions were asked.

- A. Poole asked for a motion on the Face Coverings Policy. M. Stephens made a motion to amend the policy to make masks optional. S. McRaney seconded the motion. A. Poole asked for the vote: The motion passed 4-3 to make masks optional. Affirmative votes: W. Greemon, M. Mauldin, S. McRaney, and M. Stephens. Negative votes: J. Barker, C. Crawford, and L. Largent.
- b. Treasurer/Finance Committee: M. Stephens
- presented the Budget Report, Surplus & Cash Report, and Bond Report.
 - proposed a Staff Bonus (\$1000 Full-time, \$700 Part-time). W. Greemon made a motion to approve the proposed staff bonus. The motion was seconded by C. Crawford. 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 1850 current students (671 Elem, 643 MS, 536 HS). There were 19 withdrawals- most were due to moving or gave no reason.
 - presented the Personnel Report which included hiring a 1st grade assistant and adding 2 new positions: Part-time custodian at the elementary campus and a Full-time EC Assistant at the high school. 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.
 - presented a change to the PCCS school calendar to make December 21, 2021 a half (½) day of instruction instead of a full day. A motion was made to approve the calendar change as presented by L. Largent. The motion was seconded by S. McRaney. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
 - announced the upcoming calendar which included the Thanksgiving holiday, HS teacher made exams, HS EOC's, and the December 14, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.
- d. Enrichment Committee Report: L. Largent reported the Committee will meet on December 7, 2021.
- e. Athletic Committee Report: J. Barker reported:
- Middle school athletics are in the Carolina Beltway Conference, Cross Country had 11 athletics this fall, Girls' volleyball won the conference tournament, Boys' soccer came in 4th in the conference, Basketball and cheerleading tryouts have been completed, and the upcoming Spring sports will be baseball, softball, coed golf, and girls' soccer.
 - High school athletics: Girls' volleyball came in 1st in the conference with a 20-2 record and went in the tournament as a 4th seed. Attendance was great at the

games, Boys' soccer tied for 2nd and 3rd overall and travelled to Mt. Airy to compete, Cross Country had 20 athletes qualify for regionals, Girls' tennis had a great turnout for its first season, Cheerleading and Basketball have had tryouts and teams have been picked, Swim Team interest meeting was held. If a pool can be found to have practice, the team could be formed. If not, it may have to be a club for this year, Girls' basketball may have a hard time finding teams to play. Several of the schools in the conference do not have teams, the upcoming Spring sports will be baseball, softball, girls' soccer, boys' tennis, boys' golf.

- PCCS is winning tournament games which is a big deal. It shows we are competitive and great opponents to play. Having a feeder program with middle school athletics is helpful to the high school athletic program.
- The new conference for high school is growing but there are some issues.
- The new weight room is close to completion. It will be ready for the spring semester classes.

f. Facilities Committee Report: M. Mauldin

- confirmed the Weight Room will be ready for the spring semester classes.

A Poole thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Barker, PCCS Board Secretary