

Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2021

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

Board Members present: Jennifer Barker, Charlene Crawford, Cody Green, Star Hamilton, Lisa Largent, Melia Mauldin, 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 7:03 p.m.

L. Largent read the PCCS mission statement.

A Poole asked for a moment of silence following the reading of the mission statement.

Before moving to public comments, A. Poole asked to move some of the agenda items. M. Stephens made a motion to add after the Public Comments a presentation by Steve Eaton, and add the seating of the Middle School Staff Representative to Item 6f Governance Committee Report. M. Mauldin seconded the motion. No more discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comments: 2 public comments: Grayson Yancey and Jonathan Roberto (in order of comments).

Special Presentation: Steve Eaton, Gaston County Public Health Director. 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 which was updated on 10/5/21.

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced the success of high school and middle school girls volleyball teams including their Championship win, record, playoff standings, and Athlete of the Week- Kaela Bryson; recent award by the NC High School Athletic Association which has been awarded to PCCS for the 5th year in a row; honorable mention awards to Sanatana Sharpe and Greer Horowitz for their original paintings that were submitted for the Mount Holly Arts on the Greenway Festival; NC Honors Chorus selections- Kyndyl Porter and Daniel Esquivel; and 193 students made the Patriot Pride A/B Honor Roll for the final quarter of last school year.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by C. Crawford to approve the previous Board meeting/training minutes for September 21, 2021, September 25, 2021 (3-one of which had a correction from Emergency Meeting to Special Meeting), and September 15, 2021.

L. Largent seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: M. Stephens

- presented the Budget Report, Surplus & Cash Report, and Bond Report. He shared the Lotterease Agreement. J. Barker made the motion to accept the Lotterease System Proposal as presented. C. Crawford seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Head of School Report: J. Killen

- presented the Compliance Submission Report, Enrollment Report, and Withdrawal Spreadsheet.
- presented the Personnel Report. 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 the contract for the school attorney. Same plan, same service, but with a larger school. A motion was made to approve the Attorney contract as presented by C. Crawford. The motion was seconded by M. Stephens. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
- asked for a change to the mandatory teacher workday on October 22, 2021, to be optional. If the teacher chooses to work, they could work remotely. M. Mauldin made the motion to make the change to the October 22 teacher workday. C. Crawford seconded the motion. No further discuss was held. The motion passed unanimously.
- announced the calendar of upcoming teacher workday, school closing on Veteran's Day, and the November Board Meeting.

c. Enrichment Committee Report: L. Largent reported the committee met via Zoom to discuss testing, clubs, and future surveys. Clubs will be resuming in November.

d. Athletic Committee Report: J. Barker reported:

- HS girls' volleyball champions and state playoff date
- upcoming swim interest meeting
- weight room expected to be completed in November
- sportsmanship award received by the NCHSAA
- HS girls' golf team conference champions
- HS girls' tennis team completes 1st year and team participant total
- HS cross country team participant total and students who qualified for the regionals
- MS girls volleyball tournament champions with 4 All-Stars: Chloe Baker, Keaira Capistran, Sophia Gibson, and Madalyn Wyatt.

e. Facilities Committee Report: M. Mauldin

- reported the Weight Room is on time with completion and on budget.
 - stated work is continuing with correcting the water problem on the mobile unit.
- f. Governance Committee Report: C. Crawford
- announced that the Committee met recently and worked on tweaking the dress code.
 - presented the PCCS COVID-19 Interim Safety Measures Policy for consideration to continue following until the next Board meeting. A motion was made by J. Barker to continue following the COVID-19 Interim Safety Measures Policy until the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Crawford. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
 - A. Poole invited Ciara Leisey to take the seat of Middle School Staff Representative on the Board. She gladly accepted and took her seat.

Closing remarks by A. Poole included overcoming challenges, appreciation, goals of the school community, how everyone can meet those goals, and asking for understanding and patience.

A Poole thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Barker, PCCS Board Secretary