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Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

October 15, 2024

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

Board Members present:, Wendi Greemon, Emily Rodgers, Melia Mauldin, Michael Satterfield, Kim Richardson, Melissa Gardner, Tiffany Jattan, Scott McRainey, Jackie Cansler. A quorum was present.

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

M. Satterfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the PCCS mission statement.

Following the mission statement, M. Satterfield asked for a moment of silence.

There were no public comments scheduled.

Awards & Recognition: H. White announced

- We congratulate 2 of our high school art students who placed in Mt.Holly's Plein Air painting contest through Arts on the Greenway – 11th grader Makenzie McKoy won 1st place, and 12th grader Tamiya Diggs won Honorable Mention. Both of our student artists sold their paintings as well!
- We are incredibly proud of our students, staff and families who came together in support of our Western North Carolina neighbors. A donation drive was held at all 3 campuses and the items collected have been delivered to Avery County. This effort reflected Piedmont's core values of character and community, and we thank everyone who helped make a positive impact.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- A motion was made by M. Mauldin to approve the minutes from the September 17th Board of Directors meeting. No further discussion was held. Wendi Greemon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. S. McRainey made a motion to approve the Strategic Planning Session Notes from September 14th Session, M.Mauldin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

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Reports:

a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: Scott McRainey shared the updates and financial status of the Budget Report as of September 30, 2024, as well as the Surplus and Cash for period ending September 30th, 2024.

b. The 2024/2025 Budget Report was also shared. State revenue came in better than we thought. The 2 largest increases are expense lines are salaries and benefits which accounts for the increases that are in line with the state plan for 2024/2025. W. Greemon made the motion to approve the 2024/2025 budget as presented. M. Mauldin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. H. White shared the Head of School Report which included

- Compliance Submission Report
  - The following items were submitted to the EpiCenter – office of Charter Schools in October of 2024
    - The LIEP Service Chart
  - No Requirements for DAC due in October
- The enrollment Report
  - Currently we have 1953 enrolled and have reached full enrollment (679 at Elementary, 648 at Middle, 626 at High School). Over 1440 are on the waiting list.
- The personnel report included 1 new hire – CTE Health and Science Teacher at the HS. A motion was made by E. Rodgers to approve the personnel report. Motion was seconded by Scott McRainey. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Bright Light Technologies – Pam presented the Evolv Express System. This is different than what we currently have. It cuts down time and it is AI based and it can screen up to 1000 people in 15 minutes and students and visitors can walk through without removing any items. It adds a layer of safety and it's less intrusive. This system can be updated. They have great customer service, and we have met with them twice. Our SRO is supportive of this program as well. This would be a routine daily practice. Every student and every visitor will go through this day. Students will go through one day now so this will be normal. It is for knives, weapons etc. You can turn up it and adjust it for what we are truly looking for. Looking at around a month to get this set up and then the company will stay and train with the staff for a week. W. Greemon make a motion to approve the

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contract. Emily Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Calendar
  - October 24th – Trunk or Treat for K thru 5th
  - October 26th – Board Strategic Planning 8am to 12pm
  - November 19th – Board Meeting

c. Enrichment Committee Report:

- The Enrichment Committee met Tuesday October 8th at noon. Elementary campus administrators shared Beginning of Year-mCLass, iReady and 3rd grade's Beginning of Grade Reading test data. Beginning of year testing is always helpful in identifying those areas of "summer slide". Professional Learning Communities (PLC) work on remediation and in small groups to drill down on struggling concepts. Middle school administrators shared data on skills practiced, proficient and mastered on the IXL platform. Administrators feel IXL better aligns with NC Standards and quickly identifies what students know and what to do next to improve upon struggling skills. NC Checks-Ins began October 8th at the MS and HS. This data will be available at the next committee meeting. Pre ACT and the Work Keys Assessment will be the first week in November at the High School.

d. Athletic Committee Report:

MS

- Soccer –
  - The Boys Soccer Team is currently 9-0 (overall 12-0) in the Carolina Beltway
  - Post Season Starts on Monday October 21st, with Piedmont hosting all 3 rounds at Martha Rivers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting at 4:30pm
- Volleyball
  - The Girls VB team is currently 12-2 and in 2nd place in the Carolina Beltway Conference
  - Post Season Starts on Monday, October 21st at New Hope Baptist Church at 4:30 pm. where piedmont will play Queens Grant. The winner of this game will advance to the Championship on October 23rd at Union Academy
- Cross Country
  - The cross country team will have their conference meet on Tuesday, October 22nd at Gray Stone day. In the last meet

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Riley Gaff finished 1st, Harper Kelm finished 3rd and Sakinah Kadir finished 7th

- High School

  - **Volleyball** won the conference tournament, making them **conference tournament champions and conference champions**! They will host the first round of the State Playoffs on **October 22nd**.
  - **Soccer** will finish their season at the end of October, with the first round of State Playoffs on **November 9th**. We are confident we will host that game as well.

Winter Sports:

- The season kicks off with the first **basketball** game on **November 8th** at Gaston Day.
- Our first home game will be on **November 14th**.
- **Homecoming** will take place on **Friday, November 22nd**, where we will crown the **PCCS King and Queen** during halftime of the basketball game.

e. Facilities Committee Report: Three different quotes for 2 projects at EC and 1 at the MS Campus. These are to round out the capital needs assessments we had during the summer. The total comes to $40,374. We had $37,760 left over in the Repair and Replacement account so e will need $2,614 from our operational balance. S.McRainey made a motion to approve the 3 items presented. W. Greemon seconded the motion. M. Satterfield asked about the account it would come from. The remaining balance is going to come from the reserves. The motion was amended to include the approval to the fund balance to $400,00 plus $2,614 from reserves.

f. Governance Committee Report: - no report

g. Annual Business Meeting- M. Satterfield

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M. Satterfield announced the next Board meeting will be held on November 19th 2024

M. Satterfield announced Strategic Board Planning on October 26th 2024

M. Satterfield adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Emily Rodgers, PCCS Board Secretary