

Piedmont Community Charter School
A Challenge Foundation Academy
November 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2014
Board Present: Cathy Broome, Jack Rowe, Michael Shumate, Sherry McCart, Craig Killen, Cindy Burnett, Ronn Baker, Melissa Williams, Kevin Stewart, Jeff Waldrep, Cindy Odom
Board Absent: Tereasa Osborne
Others Present: Jennifer Purdee, Gary Webster (future TeamCFA rep), Jim Broome (ex-officio past president)
Others Absent:
Proceedings: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
Next Meeting: December 16, 2014 @ 7:00 PM Main Campus Auditorium

The Board of Directors meeting of Piedmont Community Charter School was held on November 18, 2014, in the auditorium at the Elementary Campus with the President in the chair and Secretary being present.

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Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

Awards & Recognitions

No awards or recognitions.

Minutes

Mrs. Cindy Burnett made the motion to approve the October minutes as submitted and dispense with the reading. Mr. Kevin Stewart made a second to the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously without discussion.

Public Comments

A list of speakers was submitted to the board chair. Each speaker was given 2 minutes to voice their concerns. Public comments to the Board concerning the high school were made during a 21 minute time period as allotted on the agenda. There was no interaction from the Board, only public comments.

Head of School Report

Mrs. Jennifer Purdee presented the Head of School report.

A request was made by Mrs. Purdee for local flexibility to opt-out of NC Final Exams and ASW (analyzing student work). These tests are primarily used as assessment tools for the teachers and PCCS teachers will be allowed to create their own tests if the NC Final Exams and ASW are waived. This a pilot testing year for these tests and it is not mandatory.

Mr. Jack Rowe made the motion to waive the NC Final Exams and ASW for this year. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Ronn Baker. Motion was adopted unanimously without further discussion.

Enrollment Report: Total of 1208 students currently. 610 (K -5) , 297 (6-8) and 301 (9-12). The ADM was set at 1227 and this number should be finalized by the end of November.

A total of 19 withdrawals was noted and a list with reasons for withdrawal was provided.

Panic Alarm System: A panic alarm system for the school is required for 2015 – 2016 school year. The cost will be \$2650.00 and a grant application in the amount of \$1325.00 has been submitted.

Patriot Pals: Requesting approval for a Boosterthon Fun Run Contract to be held the end of January. A school will raise \$25,000 on average. A Fun Run would be held at the Elementary Campus and Color Run at the Secondary Campus. The Patriot Pals will volunteer for the project, but need Board approval to sign the contract with the company. Required to pay \$2000.00 initially and the company receives a percentage of the money that is raised. The money is raised through donations and all proceeds would be used for the Science department. This proposal was not approved after discussion among board members. Board members were concerned with the net proceeds and the percentage that goes to the contracted company. It was suggested to explore other options for fund raising with a higher yield in profit.

Butter Braids fund raiser yielded \$7399.00 profit which will be used to fund the Fine Arts program.

Calendar of upcoming events was presented by Mrs. Purdee.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ronn Baker presented the Treasurer's Report. \$3.2 million ending cash balance and \$28,800 net surplus for the month.

Second allotment came November 14 for \$2,345,081.96 and will reflect in next month's budget.

PNC set up an account for a capital campaign. Contributors will be able to make donations by debit or credit card.

Need Board approval to move line 16 (Special Funds Expenses) to line 7 (Workshop Expenses). The insurance renewal plan is \$11,883.68 more expensive. The increases premiums are related to new requirements under the new health care law and existing claims according to the Operations Director.

Mrs. Cindy Burnett made the motion to approve the items as presented by Mr. Baker to move line 16 (Special Funds Expenses) to line 7 (Workshop Expenses). A second to the motion was made by Mr. Ronn Baker. Motion was adopted unanimously without further discussion.

Anticipated Expenses: \$722,715 next month is possible for HVAC at Patriot Pad and boiler at primary campus. Getting a full assessment currently.

Staff Representative

No report given at this meeting.

Parent Representatives

No report given at this meeting.

Team CFA

Conserved funds from the summer conference are to be used for math training according to Mr. Jack Rowe.

President

The Long Term Suspension appeal that was placed on the agenda has been withdrawn per Mr. Craig Killen.

High School Subcommittee Update

Mr. Jeff Waldrep gave the High School Subcommittee report.
Ms. Julie Scott was named parent representative for the subcommittee.
Mr. Audie McGinnis was named Staff representative for the subcommittee.

The subcommittee selected and approved a mission statement: “To objectively and thoroughly study the continued operation of PCCS High School and to develop ways to improve our High School program in order to preserve and maintain PCCS as a K-12 charter school”.

The next meeting will be held December 2, 2014 at 6 P.M.

Governance

No report was given at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for:

Date: December 16, 2014 Time: 7:58 PM Location: Elementary School Auditorium

Prepared by:

Cathy Broome

Signed & Approved by:

Board Member:

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