

PSCS Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2016 6:00 - 8:00 pm

LOCATION

Pioneer Springs Community School, Asbury Park Grove Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

Board Members	P	A	Administration	P	A
Abigail Jennings, Chairman	X		Becky Friend		X
Erik Giles, Vice Chairman/Treasurer	X		Randolph Lewis	X	
Kristin Clewell, Secretary		X	Erin McDonald		X
Peter Blumenfeld	X		Chris Simeral	X	
Kim Champion	X		Committee Members /Guests	P	A
Mark Barney	X		Philishia Ingram	X	
Sandy Knox	X		Kim Richards	X	
Mary Coppola	X				

CALL TO ORDER

Abigail Jennings called the meeting to order 6:03 pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no questions or comments.

Erik Giles made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes.

Peter Blumenfeld seconded the motion.

Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comment; there was no reply.

Abigail Jennings called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Balance Sheet - Review

Erik Giles presented the PSCS Oct 2016 Balance Sheet. There were no changes or motions related to this document.

Profit and Loss Statement

Erik Giles presented the PSCS Oct 2016 P&L. There were no changes or motions related to this document.

Cash Flow

Erik Giles presented the PSCS Oct 2016 Stmt Cash Flows. There were no changes or motions related to this document.

Peter Blumenfeld made a motion to approve Oct 2016 Financial Reports.

Kim Champion seconded the motion.

Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comment; there was no reply. Abigail Jennings called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET

Erik Giles presented 12-16 Revised Budget. There were no changes or motions related to this document.

Peter Blumenfeld made a motion to approve 12-16 Revised Budget.

Kim Champion seconded the motion.

Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comment; there was no reply. Abigail Jennings called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

Peter Blumenfeld presented and guided a discussion related to two proposed Yurt Village models for the school's Middle School campus. There were no motions or board actions related to this presentation.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Kim Champion, Academic Excellence Committee Chair, provided an oral report on the activities of the committee to date.

- There have been two meetings to date.
- The committee reviewed the school charter.
- The committee met with stakeholders for questions comments.
- Covenant conference.
- Phase 1 - Review The Charter
- Phase 2 - Middle School Planning - Language and Technology

Mark Barney questioned difference between the activities of this year's AEC compared to those of the previous year's AEC.

- Kim Champion explained that the AEC is now focused on governance rather than operations in keeping with the boards revised policies on separation of responsibilities between the board and the school administration.
- Mark Barney suggested that as a result, the AEC should be responsible for reviewing policies academic issues rather than the administration. There was general agreement to this suggestion, and it will be addressed in a future policy discussion.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Facilities and Maintenance

Randolph Lewis presented an oral report of recent facilities management. There were no motions or notable discussion related to this report.

Community Report

Randolph Lewis (acting for Erin McDonald) provided an oral report of recent fundraising and community development efforts. There were no motions or notable discussion related to report.

Academics Report

Chris Simeral presented an oral report of recent academic activities, including information related to the Exceptional Child program, Nature Education, and other General Items.

Regarding Nature Education and the Energy Kit Challenge, Peter Blumenfeld suggested allocating the \$500 won as part of this challenge to the purchase energy efficiency bulbs and equipment for the school. He further suggested the we that publicize that use of funds to show our commitment to energy conservation. This suggestion was well received, but no motions were made at the time.

Becky Friend, through Chris Simeral, requested "[a] waiver of current policy to continue enrollment efforts beyond December."

Sandy Knox made a motion to continue the waiting list through the remainder of the school year. Erik Giles seconded the motion.

Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comment; there was no reply. Abigail Jennings called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions or comments from the meeting visitors.

ADJOURNMENT

Abigail Jennings called for any further comment or discussion, and hearing none requested a motion to adjourn. Erik Giles made the motion. Meeting adjourned 7:54, without objection.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Barney', written in a cursive style.

Mark E. Barney
Board Secretary