March 2020 PSCS Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2020, 6:00 PM, Asbury Building

PSCS, 9300 Bob Beatty Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

 Abigail Jennings(p), Erik Giles(p), Will Weaver(p), Kim Champion(p), Sandy Knox (p), Ananth Nilakantan(p), Barbara Ann Temple(p), Peter Blumenfeld(p), Jeanne Bryne(p)

Administration Present

Becky Friend(p), Erin McDonald(p), Randolph Lewis

CALL TO ORDER

Abigail Jennings established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no notable discussions or motions.

Sandy Knox made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes.

Jeanne Bryne seconded the motion.

Abigail called for any additional questions or comments; there were none.

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Abigail Jennings presented the February 2020 Financial Statement and Summary. Erik Giles made a motion to approve the February 2020 Financial Summary. Sandy Knox seconded the motion.

Abigail called for any additional questions or comments; there were none.

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Abigail Jennings provided an update on the Bridge Loan. The loan was received and the withdrawal liability has been paid off. Abigail Jennings provided an update on the bond. It is a work in progress as documents are being prepared.

Abigail Jennings provided information on the Audit Contract for Rebekah Barr. Barbara Ann Temple made a motion to approve the Audit Contract for Rebekah Barr. Jeanne Bryne seconded the motion.

Abigail called for any additional questions or comments; there were none.

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Peter Blumenfeld provided a construction update. Contracts and documents are being prepared and site visits being planned. The new drawing/site plan was shared as well as the timeline for the middle and high school construction. Abigail Jennings discussed potential scenarios for communicating to the community.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Erik Giles and Becky Friend presented and reviewed the revisions to the Pioneer Springs Community School Covenant Policy. Erik Giles made a motion to approve the Pioneer Springs Community School Covenant Policy. Sandy Knox seconded the motion.

Abigail called for any additional questions or comments; there were none.

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Advancement - Erin McDonald reported:

- Attended successful Fairy Festival at Latta at the end of February
- All events have been postponed until further notice
- Second/Fourth graders held an impromptu parade on March 13th
- Hosted two post lottery sessions with incredible turn out with March 19th as deadline for acceptance
- Post lottery applicants will be addressed after March 19th
- Thanked staff for all of their flexibility for the new challenge that is ahead of us

Facilities - Randolph Lewis reported:

- Erate (federal funding for wifi/hardware) process is underway including site visits from needed vendors. Deadline has been extended.
- Semesterly fire inspection occurred last week. Tweaks are in process.
- Increased disinfectant cleaning frequency, as well as whole school disinfection (hospital grade), will be underway while students are off-campus.
- DUKE Smart thermostats are on a holding pattern due to Duke.
- Volunteer trainings for parents who will chaperone field trips in spring have taken place.
- Unfortunately, there have been kiln issues which have been addressed.
- Flower House (near Davis House) restoration planning is underway.

Operations - Becky Friend reported:

- Per the Governor's directive, school is closed and we will deliver remote instruction for the next two weeks. Plan to have frequent and transparent communication with staff and parents as we pass this time. Teachers are embracing the challenge. Thank you to Erik for assistance in customizing some of our apps.
- Removed for staff retirement system.
- Jimmy Johnson sponsors a grant which PSCS applied for to use for the Flower House restoration. PSCS is in the second round of potential applicants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Abigail Jennings called for any further comment or discussion and hearing none requested a motion to adjourn. Peter Blumenfeld made the motion. Barbara Ann Temple seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Champion, Secretary