

# October 2019 PSCS Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2019, 6:00 PM, Asbury Building  
PSCS, 9300 Bob Beatty Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269

## ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

- Abigail Jennings, Erik Giles (phone), Ananth Nilakantan (phone), Peter Blumenfeld, Sandy Knox

Board Members Absent

- Kim Champion, Barbara Ann Temple, Jeanne Bryne

Administration Present

- Erin McDonald (phone), Randolph Lewis (phone)

Visitors

- Shannon Arney, Jessie Hale, Tristan Teasley

## CALL TO ORDER

Abigail Jennings established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

## PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no notable discussion or motions.

Will Weaver made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes.

Peter Blumenfeld seconded the motion.

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

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Erik Giles reported the lottery enrollment form and details have been updated for the website in preparation for the November 1st lottery enrollment start date. All policies have been organized and converted to pdf files. The next step is for a policy page to be created on the website and then they can be uploaded.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ananth Nilakantan presented the August and September 2019 Financial Summaries. Peter Blumenfeld made a motion to approve both financial reports. 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.

The 2019 Audit was presented. Will Weaver made a motion to approve the 2019 Audit. Peter Blumenfeld seconded the motion. Abigail called for any additional questions or comments; there were none. Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

In regard to the PSCS 2019-20 final budget which is typically finalized after our official ADM each year, Abigail Jennings reported that due to the delay with the NC Budget being passed, the 2019-20 charter school state allocations have not been finalized.

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Abigail Jennings presented their Strategic Goal Update on behalf of the Academic Chair, Jeanne Byrne.

The PSCS High School Catalog has been completed and is currently being finalized. The BOG results showed 25% of incoming 3rd graders have met the exit standards. Professional development recommendations relative to increased rigor to provide the “just right” level of instruction for AIG, EC, Math, and ELA will be reported at the November Board Meeting.

## **FACILITIES TASK FORCE**

Peter Blumenfeld reported the Summer Improvement Projects and new modular have been completed.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Advancement** - Erin McDonald reported:

- Last week wrapped-up Fall athletic registrations with 72 athletes signed up.
- Reach for the Trees has begun with a \$66,000 school goal/\$255 per student. This year we added a virtual runner initiative to start connecting the extended community across the globe. \$30 per spirit runner to complete 1 mile by the evening of 11/11. They can walk, run, jog, bike or swim the distance.
- After-school Camps rolled out this week.
- Fall photo option to parents on November 2nd with two professional PSCS parent photographers donating proceeds to PSCS.
- Fairy Tale Ball is this Friday with multiple sessions of parent volunteers coming in last week and this week to help with preparations.
- Room parents and volunteers are all trained and ready to start helping teachers.
- Pioneer Springs was present in the community at both the Kidsfest and 'Tawba Walk.
- 2019 PSCS gear sales are off to a great start with PSCS 2019 colored tees for class field trips which help make students easily recognizable off-campus.
- Info sessions have been posted with sign-ups during the open enrollment period for 2020/21. 5 sessions with a combo of day and evening options. Kelley Hood and Heidi Magi will be presenting with me again this year.

**Facilities** - Randolph Lewis reported:

- The move into the new modular has been completed with new furniture, fixtures, whiteboards, etc.
- Fire inspection is coming up and all buildings are ready.
- Croft Schoolhouse HVAC system was replaced.
- E-rate was filed for Cat 1 reimbursement for AT&T switched ethernet service. E-rate Cat 2 funds have been received.
- New picnic tables have been ordered to replace older tables.
- Gaga Ball pit was repositioned and lined with landscaping fabric and sand.

- At the Croft Schoolhouse, the large willow oak is exhibiting signs of decay. Getting quotes and meeting with arborists to decide the best course of action for this beloved tree.
- Campus preparations are underway for Fairy Tale Ball.
- Custodian resigned due to continued health issues, we are seeking new custodial quotes.
- The PSCS Student Network should be completed soon. Our MCNC representative has been busy in other schools but should be coming to PSCS soon.

**Operations** - Abigail Jennings shared Becky Friends' report as follows:

- Friday we will receive 65 devices (40 student and 25 staff) which were funded through a grant from Technology for the Future.
- We continue to benchmark K-8 students with a free pilot from Imagine Math (PSCS is one of the participating districts for the state this year) as well as iStation for K-3 reading. We are currently vetting other vendors for a 4-8 ELA benchmarking tool.
- Open house is scheduled for November 5th from 5:30 to 6:30 with a presentation about Title I funds (how we got them and how we are using them) at 6 pm.
- We will be administering the NC Check-in for science in grades 5 and 8 next Monday, October 28th.
- Elementary trimester celebrations scheduled for 12/6; middle school trimester celebrations scheduled for 10/25 and 26
- In an effort to further define the middle from the lower school the MS team is creating traditions/ events specifically for this population.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tristan Teasley mentioned the One Access program from the Charlotte Library and asked if Pioneer Springs would be eligible for participation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Abigail Jennings called for any further comment or discussion and hearing none requested a motion to adjourn. Peter Blumenfeld made the motion. Sandy Knox seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,



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Abigail Jennings, Chairperson