

February PSCS Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2020, 6:00 PM, Asbury Building
PSCS, 9300 Bob Beatty Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

- Abigail Jennings, Erik Giles (phone), Peter Blumenfeld, Will Weaver, Jeanne Bryne, Barbara Ann Temple, Sandy Knox

Board Members Absent

- Kim Champion, Ananth Nilakantan

Administration Present

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

Visitors

- None

CALL TO ORDER

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no notable discussion or motions.

Jeanne Byrne made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes.

Barbara Ann Temple 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 January 2019 Financial Summary and Balance Sheet. Will Weaver made a motion to approve the January Financial Summary and Balance Sheet, 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 then provided an update on the bond and bridge loan. The bridge loan required approval of the Acknowledgment Resolutions which Abigail sent to the board in advance to review. Sandy Knox, made a motion to approve the document, Barbara Ann Temple 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 reported that due to the progress of the bond and the construction timeline, if construction can begin early March the new facilities could be completed by August which would

be ideal. A discussion followed and additional details were requested from Peter before proceeding with construction. Peter also updated everyone on the new high school facilities which are still in the design phase at this time.

Abigail Jennings then updated the board on negotiations for the property acquisition. Erin shared the negotiations have been ongoing since the last board meeting and progress was made in obtaining a lower price. Abigail made a motion to proceed with the acquisition, Erik Giles seconded the motion. Abigail called for any additional discussion, and the board discussed the acquisition in detail. Negotiations on the castle were ongoing since the last board progress was made from the original asking price. Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

GOVERNANCE

Abigail Jennings presented the draft of the 2020-21 Calendar. The calendar had been sent to staff previously, and the Academic Task Force also approved the calendar. However, after discussing the impact of construction on the start of school, the board recommended starting later than the proposed calendar. Barbara Ann Temple made a motion starting staff development on August 25th, and starting school on September 1st, with the last day of school being June 9th. Jeanne Byrne seconded. Abigail called for any additional questions or comments; there were none. Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Abigail Jennings then discussed plans for the upcoming lottery and asked the board for volunteers. Sandy, Peter, Barbara Ann, and Jeanne volunteered to assist with the lottery. Erik will handle running the lottery software.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Advancement - Erin McDonald reported:

- Marketing efforts for the lottery have been very effective with the highest enrollment in our lottery to date.
- Data analysis is upcoming to determine how many seats will be available for the upcoming lottery.
- A press release was in the Herald about our new high school program which has generated additional interest.
- Information sessions are filling up and we've added another session to accommodate interest. The new session is filled to capacity.
- Tornado warnings and flash flood warning with an optional early carpool start on 2/6 went incredibly well because of the commitment, kindness and experience of our staff.
- A few of the staff are moving through major life changes and Becky, Randolph and I have been making sure our staff community is pulling together as a support system.
- Parade Float and Annual Toss n Sauce Corn hole tourney meetings are this week.
- We released camps/athletics this past weekend and have a beautiful selection from flag football, bowling, parade float camp, yarn camp, basic computer skills, nature feeders, improv and singing karaoke options.
- Valentines traditions continue this Friday with each student writing a poem for each classmate and staff member in grades K-5th. A new tradition of presentations by fire pits about friendship in grades 6th-8th will start this Friday.
- We will attend the annual Fairy Festival at Latta Plantation in two week to spread the word about PSCS to the greater community and to engage them in activities we also do on campus. Anne Fell Yampolsky will lead this with parent volunteers.

- WINGS is organizing another staff appreciation lunch to provide for staff and will have volunteers help cover classes to make time for staff to eat together.

Facilities - Randolph Lewis reported:

- A successful Project Day to beautify the campus was very successful. Randolph thanked the volunteers who helped with projects such as invasive plant removal, painting picnic tables, interior touch-up painting, gutter cleaning, landscaping, and many more needed tasks around the campus.
- Tornado and flash flood warnings last Thursday necessitated our emergency procedures and staff and students were prepared. Randolph thanked Brian Magi, our adopted UNCC meteorology professor, for his valuable insight throughout the day and all of our staff and students for following procedures making the day go very well.
- Annual sprinkler and alarm inspections underway.
- Network issues are being addressed by NCMC; still hope to increase the number of available IP addresses.
- Participating in Duke Energy smart thermostat program. Provides credits back to school for additional energy savings.

Operations - Becky Friend reported:

- Mid-year benchmarking indicates that students in K-3 are on target for expected growth with some additional work to be done with 2nd graders; 4-8th grade readers continue to exceed expected growth based on MAP scores; performance on math benchmark indicates 3-8th grade students all on expected growth trajectory--mastery continues to be the goal.
- Amanda Martin, 3rd grade, submitted resignation to assist move to Ohio to assist her family; Anna Glodowski, certified masters-level teacher, will take over transition.
- Anticipate the new 401K program to be in effect with March payroll. Planning meetings are still taking place with John Hancock to get all the pieces in place.
- 3rd round of teacher observations underway.
- Had 5 teachers chosen as featured presenters for the recent Fresh Take conference sponsored by CSD (Rachel Larkin, Chris Simeral, Sandy Dixon, Margaret Moose, Heidi Magi.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Abigail Jennings called for any further comment or discussion and hearing none requested a motion to adjourn. Will Weaver made the motion. Barbara Ann Temple seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,



Abigail Jennings, Chairperson