

# September 2019 PSCS Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019, 6:00 PM, Asbury Building  
PSCS, 9300 Bob Beatty Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269

## ROLL CALL

### Board Members Present

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

### Board Members Absent

- Kim Champion, Will Weaver

### Administration Present

- Erin McDonald, Randolph Lewis, Becky Friend

### Visitors

- Tristan Teasley, Michelle Inhofer

## 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.

Peter Blumenfeld made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes.

Erik Giles seconded the motion.

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

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Abigail welcomed everyone and asked all Board Members to sign the Board Code of Conduct Annual Commitment.

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Erik Giles presented the revised policy: Board Meeting Policy (formerly Board Meeting Report Policy). Revisions further defined the roles and expectations for the Board Meeting structure for both board members and the public. Barbara Anne Temple made a motion to the revised Board Meeting Policy. 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.

Erik Giles presented a revision to the Marketing Policy to change the plan start date from July to September. Peter Blumenfeld made a motion to approve the revision to the Marketing Policy. Ananth Nilakantan seconded the motion.

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

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Erik Giles presented a new policy, the Advisory Council Policy. Peter Blumenfeld made a motion to approve the revision to the Marketing Policy. Barbara Anne Temple seconded the motion.

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

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The 2020-21 Enrollment and Lottery Dates were presented as November 1, 2019-February 16, 2020, with the lottery date on March 4, 2020 at 4:30 PM. Erik Giles made a motion to approve these dates. 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.

Erik Giles led a discussion on the plan to make all board policies available online. The initial steps of organizing the policies into the following categories is underway:

- 100 Governance
- 200 Personnel
- 300 Students and Families
- 400 Fiscal and Operational
- 500 Technology

Once policies have been organized, Erik will convert them from the google site into pdfs for the school website.

## **FACILITIES TASK FORCE**

Peter Blumenfeld reported the Summer Improvement Projects were wrapping-up this week. The Middle School and High School Facility Plans are moving forward. The plan is for these classrooms to be built on the Asbury Campus in the same vicinity as the former Middle School pods. The redesign work for the permit will be happening this fall.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ananth Nilakantan presented the 2018-19 Financial Summary and the July 2019 Financial Summary. Erik Giles 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.

## **MARKETING TASK FORCE**

Barbara Anne Temple presented the 2019-20 Marketing Plan to promote Pioneer Springs both internally in the Pioneer Springs community and externally in the greater Charlotte region to boost awareness of the school's mission and 2020 Lottery.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Advancement** - Erin McDonald reported Athletic enrollment is up. Pioneer Afterschool Camps are underway. Gear sales are off to a good start.

**Facilities** - Randolph Lewis reported the ongoing projects are proceeding well. Thanks to all volunteers helping and organizing. E-rate funding has been approved. Parent Volunteer training has begun. One was held last week, one this week, and there will be a third later in September. Big thanks to parent Caitlyn Boyle for her assistance in helping with the training this year.

**Operations** - Becky Friend reported the 2018-19 EOG results have been released to schools, and PSCS jumped 9 points on the composite for a performance score of 67, just shy of B. We saw gains with all subgroups, including an 8 point jump for Children with Disabilities. Both our 3-8th grade math and reading scores increased by a whole letter grade, and math performance improved by 16 points from the previous year. The school not only met but EXCEEDED growth expectations in all areas with a growth number of almost 4 (this is unheard of!) for mathematics. Our teachers' collective focus on improving math proficiency while continuing to grow readers paid off and we've already begun to see the improved performances supported by strategies to support identified students.

Becky also reported that the Academic Excellence Committee had a good meeting today and is moving forward on increasing rigor within our academic program with special emphasis on AIG, EC, Math, and ELA.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Michelle Inhofer thanked the board for their hard work and for the clarification on the middle and high school project.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The board entered into Closed Session at 7:20 pm, upon a motion being made by Barbara Ann Temple, seconded by Jeanne Bryne, and confirmed via roll call vote of all board members present pursuant to North Carolina General § 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The board ended Closed Session and entered into Open Session at 7:30 pm upon a motion being made by Jeanne Bryne, seconded by Barbara Ann Temple and approved by all Board members present.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Abigail Jennings called for any further comment or discussion and hearing none requested a motion to adjourn. Sandy Knox made the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abigail Jennings', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Abigail Jennings, Chairman

