

August 2020 PSCS Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2020, 6:00 PM,
PSCS, 9300 Bob Beatty Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269
Zoom Meeting

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

- Abigail Jennings, Will Weaver, Ananth Nilakantan, Barbara Ann Temple, Peter Blumenfeld, Jeanne Bryne, Erik Giles,

Board Members Present Absent

- Kim Champion, Sandy Knox,

Administration Present

- Becky Friend, Erin McDonald, Randolph Lewis

Guests

- Scott Rigsby, Bryan Webster, Sarah Amedio

CALL TO ORDER

Abigail Jennings established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no notable discussions or motions. Erik Giles made a motion to approve the 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ananth Nilakantan presented the July 2020 Financial Statement and Balance Sheet. Peter Blumenfeld made a motion to approve the July 2020 Financial Summary and Balance Sheet. 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 then reviewed the DAC Bond Reports & Filing Requirements.

FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Peter Blumenfeld introduced Scott Rigsby with R Design Collaborative, the new architect for the high school. Peter then provided a construction update on the Middle School, which is 95% complete. A tap from Charlotte Water has created a delay, however, we should have full CO by the end of the month. Peter then shared the new design for the high school. The board discussed the new design and a question was asked about utilizing the rain water from the rooftop for irrigation for the gardens, and Peter shared that this was something they were working on. Another suggestion was to include a wall garden, which is something that is also being considered.

MARKETING TASK FORCE

Barbara Ann Temple provided an update on the Marketing Task Force which has been meeting each week throughout the summer. Barbara Ann thanked Erin and the teachers for their

commitment to supporting the marketing efforts to educate the public about PSCS. Some marketing initiatives this summer have included a WFAE campaign, vigorous social media marketing, revamping the website, and contracting with Jenny Lyon for professional marketing assistance.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Erik Giles presented the 2020-21 PSCS Strategic Plan. Each Chairperson reviewed their portion of the plan. Erik Giles made a motion to approve the 2020-21 PSCS Strategic Plan. 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.

Abigail then shared the 2020-21 Strategic Calendar with key goal dates for the year. Barbara Ann Temple made a motion to approve the 2020-21 PSCS Strategic Plan. 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 then asked for the recommended lottery dates for the upcoming year. Erin McDonald reported that due to the unusual times we are in to consider a longer lottery period and suggested starting the lottery on October 16th, ending on March 5th, and holding the lottery on March 23, 2021. The board discussed the pros and cons of starting earlier and ending later than usual. After discussion, Abigail called for motion to approve the suggested dates. Peter Blumenfel made a motion to approve the lottery dates, and Barbara Ann Temple seconded. 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 on enrollment projections. Due to hearing concerns about uncertainty from families not wanting to physically return to campus this year due to COVID concerns, a new program is being launched which would allow families to stay at home all year if they chose to. Called Pioneer HOME (Holistic, Online, Meaningful, Education), this would provide parents with the flexibility to stay at home and have flexible learning times, provide parents with curriculum and structure, and also provide connections to the Pioneer Springs community. Erin continues to focus on enrollment and also the website additions which include a new page dedicated to remote learning and FAQs.

Facilities

Randolph Lewis reported:

- Teachers have returned to campus to prepare materials for students for their remote learning.
- Buildings have been cleaned and vinyl flooring has been stripped and waxed.
- Working on the bond Facility Wishlist items, he has been working with vendors and getting quotes for fencing, outdoor classrooms, low ropes features, and shade sails.
- He has ordered furniture for the new classrooms.
- Smart thermostats have been installed throughout the campus to allow for better efficiency, savings, and remote access.
- The Davis House HVAC was replaced for the upstairs.
- The Flower House has been stabilized to prevent further deterioration.
- Installing a hotspot for the Asbury parking lot and possibly another location on campus.
- Preparing for Distribution Day, in which all families will come to campus and pick up their remote learning materials.

Operations

Becky Friend reported:

- We are ready for school to start on September 1st.
- She has been working on many grants both governmental and private.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Abigail Jennings called for any further comment or discussion and hearing none requested a motion to adjourn. Barbara Ann Temple made the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Abigail Jennings, Chairperson