

May 2021 PSCS Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2021, 6:00 PM,
PSCS, 9300 Bob Beatty Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269
Zoom Meeting

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

- Abigail Jennings, Barbara Anne Temple, Erik Giles, Peter Blumenfeld, James Freeman, Kim Nash, Ananth Nilakantan, Jeanne Bryne

Board Members Absent

- Sandy Knox

Administration Present

- Becky Friend, Erin McDonald, Randolph Lewis

Guests

- Heidi Mahi, Michele Rothschild, Audie McGinnis

CALL TO ORDER

Abigail Jennings established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no notable discussions or motions. Erik Giles 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.

Abigail Jennigs shared the PSCS, "It's Okay To Me" video with the Board.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Jeanne Bryne, Academic Excellence Committee Chair reintroduced the subcommittee chairs.

Audie McGinnis, Dean of Academics and Chair of the High School Programming Subcommittee provided a summary of the tasks and status of the goals for the committee. The subcommittee has made great strides in meeting the three goals, eliciting support from the community.

Heidi Magi, 9th Grade PSCS teacher and Chair of Middle School Education Subcommittee reported on the two goals focusing on cultures/tradition and curriculum instruction and how they are serving the students at PSCS. The subcommittee presented recommendations focusing on Place-based Learning as well having student guidance in selecting a high school mascot.

Michele Rothschild, 6th-8th Explore Teacher and Chair of Academic Growth and Intervention Subcommittee reviewed the successful status of the three goals.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Abigail Jennings led tonight's Annual Board Meeting by sharing Abigail Jennings, Erik Giles and Sandra Knox have renewed their term. Dr. De'Onn Griffin and Erin Steenwyk have agreed to join the PSCS Board.

Abigail Jennings made a motion to approve the election of Abigail Jennings, Erik Giles and Sandra Knox renewed board term as well as Dr. De'Onn Griffin and Erin Steenwyk's initial term.

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

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers are as follows:

2021-2022 Board Officers

Chair. Abigail Jennings

Vice President: Barbara Ann Temple

Treasurer: Erik Giles

Secretary: Erin Steenwyk

Members At Large: Peter Blumenfeld, Jeanne Bryne, Sandy Knox, Dr. De'Onn Griffin,

Abigail Jennings made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Board Officers.

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

Abigail called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Abigail Jennings reviewed the logistics of the Annual Retreat on June 21st at 1:00-5:30 pm.

Committee and Task Force Reports, Recommendations and Board Evaluation will be reviewed.

Erik Giles reported the committee met its goal of recruiting additional board members.

FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Peter Blumenfeld updated the Board on the status for the High School plans.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ananth Nilakantan presented the April 2021 Financial Statement and Balance Sheet. Barbara Ann Temple made a motion to approve the April 2021 Financial Summary and Balance Sheet. 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.

Abigail Jennings presented the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget. Jeanne Bryne made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget. 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.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Advancement

Erin McDonald reported:

- 495 students are currently enrolled
- Both elementary and middle schools are at over 100% enrollment
- Waitlists at many grade levels
- Spring fundraising goals were exceeded
- Recent staff appreciation events built community. Thank you to the parents for the additional support.
- Plant sale was a successful community experience.

Facilities

Randolph Lewis reported:

- Waiting for a roof quote for Asbury prior to having work completed
- Erate funding request is being reviewed, waiting the approval of funding request
- Finalizing locations for summer camp and other outside organizations use of space

Operations

Becky Friend reported:

- Great financial growth over the past five years
- Policies continue to be reviewed and implemented. Specifically, COVID policies have been developed and followed this past year.
- Moving forward, development of Title IX Policies (specifically mental health) is a goal for the upcoming school year
- Academic Loss as a result of the Pandemic is currently being reviewed through various data points. The following programs will be implemented this summer:
 - Summer Reading Programs Grades 1-4
 - Summer Math Programs Grades 1-4
 - Recovery Grades 5-8
 - High School Credit Recovery Program
- State Testing will be completed on May 24th
- Current freshman gave presentations last Thursday meeting their year end goal

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

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 7:03 pm, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Nash

Kim Nash, Secretary