

December 2020 PSCS Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2020, 6:00 PM,
PSCS, 9300 Bob Beatty Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269
Zoom Meeting

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

- Abigail Jennings, Barbara Ann Temple, Kim Champion, Will Weaver, Erik Giles

Board Members Present Absent

- Jeanne Bryne, Ananth Nilakantan, Sandy Knox, Peter Blumenfeld

Administration Present

- Becky Friend, Erin McDonald, Randolph Lewis

Guests

- Anna Glodowski, Glenda Cheek, Heidi Magi, Sherry Atria

CALL TO ORDER

Abigail Jennings established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no notable discussions or motions. Erik Giles 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.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Erik Giles provided a recap of the successful annual DAC Investor Call held in December 2020.

Erik Giles shared the Social Justice Sub-Committee's feedback regarding diversity on the school's marketing plan. A presence of diversity and inclusion that mirrors the community around us portrayed on the PCSC website is the first step.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Abigail Jennings presented the November 2020 Financial Statement and Balance Sheet. Erik Giles made a motion to approve the November 2020 Financial Summary and Balance Sheet. 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

An update on the Pettis Lot was provided by Abigail Jennings. PSCS is under contract on the Pettis Lot with a potential closing date for the end of January 2021.

Abigail Jennings provided an update on the High School Plan. Plans are underway and progress is being made towards the opening timeline of August 2021.

MARKETING TASK FORCE

Barbara Ann Temple shared a Marketing Plan update. Subcommittee and goals were reviewed with changes noted in adding the lens of social justice and diversity to the recruitment and retainment of students.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Advancement

Erin McDonald reported

- the first community event/fundraiser has concluded. 2,300 sandwiches, non-perishable foods and six turkeys were donated.
- donations from Classroom Central are still coming in.
- \$7300 has been raised with an additional \$3300 from corporate sponsors. Matching gifts are expected.
- a staff celebration will be held on December 16th.
- 152 Registrations, some of which are bundled for the 2021-2022 SY have been received.
- marketing videos are going to be created for social media to help market PSCS during the last few weeks of the enrollment period.
- updates to the Tentative Fundraising Events Calendar.

Facilities

Randolph Lewis reported

- the focus has been on getting the Learning Pods ready for use which began on November 30, 2020. Staff training, preparing classrooms, cleaning protocols, etc. are a few of the tasks completed with great success.
- painting throughout the campus has also taken place.
- the staff training on the new low-ropes course was successful. Thank you to Challenge Towers and Lizzie for an amazing day.
- castle upfits (interior/exterior painting, creating office space, new carpet, wifi) have been completed. Final details are being wrapped-up and furnishings are being ordered.

Operations

Becky Friend reported

- her gratitude towards the Board for their understanding during the pandemic.
- and introduced the recipients of the three recently awarded PSCS professional development scholarships: Heidi Magi (Naturalist in Training Award), Anna Glodowski (Master Teacher Scholarship) and Sherry Atria (Associate to Lead Teacher Scholarship).
- week 3 of the Learning Pods has run fairly smooth due to all the planning and preparation completed on the front end.
- the recommendation that students (K-9) will return to in person instruction (Learning Pods) on January 19th, allowing for a built-in two-week quarantine period following the winter break.
- her appreciation to Glenda Cheek and Randolph Lewis for their contribution to the success of the Learning Pods.
- revisions to the 19-20 SY calendar are being entertained.
- updates regarding end of year testing causing modifications to high school schedules.

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 6:46 pm, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Champion". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kim Champion, Secretary