

February 2022 PSCS Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

PSCS, 9300 Bob Beatty Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269

Zoom Meeting

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

- ☐ Abigail Jennings, Jeanne Brynne, Erin Steenwyk, Peter Blumenfeld, James Freeman, Erik Giles

Board Members Absent

- ☐ Barbara Anne Temple

Administration Present

- ☐ Becky Friend, Erin McDonald, Randolph Lewis

Guests Present

Jennifer Williams, Corey Amedio, Bergquam Family, Julie Biddle, Lorna Burns, Melanie Rytel, Stephen Hedrick, Everly ?, Manuel ?

CALL TO ORDER

Abigail Jennings established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no notable discussions or motions. Peter Blumenfeld made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. James Freeman 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

Erik Giles presented the January and February Financial Statements and Balance Sheets. Peter Blumenfeld made a motion to approve the financial reports, and Erin Steenwyk seconded the motion. Abigail called for any additional questions or comments; a discussion regarding accounts ensued. Abigail called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

The finance committee reported that a revised budget will be shared next month.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The committee proposed to keep the mask mandate in place, in accordance with the Mecklenburg County mask mandate. Erin Steenwyk made a motion to approve the governance committee's request. Jeanne Brynne seconded the motion. Abigail called for any additional comments or questions; there were none. Abigail called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

The committee also reported that the lottery for the 2022-2023 school year will be held on March 23, with Abigail Jennings, Erik Giles, and James Freeman agreeing to be present.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Jeanne Brynne presented a proposal to bring a preschool to PSCS in the fall, dependent on availability of facilities with the completion of the high school. The program will be based on hands-on play, student choice, and nature-based experiences. It will be open to 3-5 year olds. James Freeman made a motion to approve the preschool plan as presented. Peter Blumenfeld seconded the motion. Abigail called for any additional questions or comments. Discussion ensued around the need for a contingency plan for the preschool should the high school not be complete at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Abigail called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously, with the request that the Academic Committee present a contingency plan next month.

Becky Friend reported that improvements were made school wide on the second set of benchmark tests. She believes that this is due to the targeted, consistent support of the MTSS program.

FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Peter Blumenfeld updated the Board on the status for the High School. He reported that the project was set to go vertical and that it is still on track for a July completion.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Advancement

Erin McDonald reported:

- Four teachers recently presented at Fresh Take
- Many families inquiring about potential preschool
- Intent to return form will be distributed so that accurate numbers can be used in lottery
- Class pictures will be taken by St. John's photography
- A blood drive is set for the end of March

The academic calendar for 2022-2023 was proposed. It includes 1,026 instructional hours. The calendar proposed 17.5 work days, a ½ day on election day, designated parent conferences, and would run from 8/30/2021-6/8/2023. Erin Steenwyk proposed a motion to approve the calendar as presented. James Freeman seconded the motion, Abigail called for additional questions or comments; there were none. Abigail called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Facilities

Randolph Lewis reported:

- Paperwork has been filed with Erates to receive reimbursement for student/faculty devices
- All buildings have wifi access points, in addition to a number of outdoor access points

Operations

Becky Friend reported:

- Mid-year conferences were under way

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made regarding the mask mandate and the preschool plans.

ADJOURNMENT

Abigail Jennings called for any further comment or discussion and hearing none requested a motion to adjourn. James Freeman made the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Steenwyk

Erin Steenwyk, Secretary