



PCCS Remote Board of Director's Meeting Approved Meeting Minutes - Open Session

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 697 198 8979
Password: 159304

Call to Order – Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order by President Nell Anen at 6:34pm .
- In Attendance
 - PCCS Board:
 - Nell Anen – President
 - Marcelo Chiodi – Vice President
 - Stacey White – Treasurer
 - Jim Mertz - Secretary (joined 6:45pm)
 - Abe Janis
 - Dan Fedor
 - JoAnn Stewart
 - Demetri Georgatsos
 - Devon Mann
 - Staff:
 - Geoff Deigan – Executive Director
 - Public
 - Lea-Ann Domanski – incoming Parent-Elect Board Member

**Note: The list above may not be a complete listing of attendees on the virtual meeting. There were participants coming in and out at various time and not all attendees had names provided.*

Closed Session:

Discussion Related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3) - The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

- Motion to move to closed session, related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3). *Motion made by Marcelo Chiodi. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
- *Entered closed session at 6:36 PM.*

Return to Open Session:

Return to open session at 6:53PM

- Return to Open Session called to order by President Nell Anen at 6:53PM

Recognition & Appreciation: Dan Fedor and Devon Mann

- Recognition provided to Dan and Devon for the service to the board and PCCS community.
- Special thank you video presented from student.

Motion to Adjourn – Sine Die

- *Motion made by Stacey White. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

Seating of Incoming Board Members

- Welcome of Lea-Ann Domanski



Roll Call to Constitute a Quorum

- New roll call. All present including Lea-Ann

Welcome of Parent-Elect Board Member

- Welcome of Lea-Ann Domanski

Election of New Board Officers

- *Motion to re-elect Nell Anen as President. Motion made by Stacey White. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'. (Nell abstained).*
- *Motion to re-elect Marcelo Chiodi as Vice-President. Motion made by Nell Anen. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'. (Marcelo abstained).*
- *Motion to re-elect Stacey White as Treasurer. Motion made by Nell Anen. Second by Marcelo Chiodi. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'. (Stacey abstained).*
- *Motion to re-elect Jim Mertz as Treasurer. Motion made by Nell Anen. Second by Stacey White. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'. (Jim abstained).*

Oath of Office

- Roll call vote to confirm the oath and policies have been read and signed. *carried all 'Yes'.*

Resolution to Adopt Policies, Resolutions and Procedures of Former Boards

- *Motion made by Jim Mertz. Second by Marcelo Chiodi. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

Resolution to Employ Legal Counsel:

- The resolution is to retain Franczek P.C. as the legal counsel for PCCS.
- *Motion made by Stacey White. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

Motion to Approve PCCS Holdings and Byron Colby Barn LLC Managers

- The motion is to approve John Wylie, Bob Helle and Eve Lee.
- *Motion made by Marcelo Chiodi. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

Re-Call to Order

- Called to order by President Nell Anen at 6:58pm.

Welcome New Board

Mission Moment – Directors Report

- Geoff highlighting PCCS staff and students who recently received recognition.
 - Character Awards: Tammy Steinbeck (PCCS staff) and Katherine A. (PCCS student)
 - Katy Barnett: Meritorious Service for a Classroom Teacher
 - Sydney McNally: Meritorious Service as an Early Career Educator
 - Student Services Team: Meritorious Service award for being a great team
 - Jessica Loustaunau: Meritorious Service for an Administrator
 - Nurse Shanna Coyle: Meritorious Service in the category of Student Support Personnel
 - Lisa Profenna: Meritorious Service award as an outstanding Community Volunteer
 - Janette Siegel: Excellence Educational Service Personnel award
 - PCCS awarded as the #1 Charter School in the State of IL for the 2nd consecutive year.



Public Comment

- Knox Family: Expressing appreciation of the school and our mission. Expressing appreciation for Dan Fedor. Their son provided nice comments regarding Dan's coding club.
- Kristin Bos: Noted that she started a petition on change.org to acknowledge the families who would like PCCS to return to in-person learning. Acknowledged that the LCHD is also weighing in on the decisions that are being made. Made emotional pleas to reopen the school.
- Jen Miller: Ms. Miller's son shared story about coding club. Wanted to say thanks to Mr. Fedor.
- Chenoa Kollman: Expressed thanks to quality of school. Concerned that the board is being swayed by false data and not considering the whole needs of the child. Read prepared statement. Made emotional plea to reopen school. Noted that her child is struggling in the virtual learning environment.
- Jivka Berge: Parent of 1st and 4th grader. Indicated support of Ms. Kollman and Ms. Miller. Feels we need to accept the current reality and reopen the school.
- Rosie Dow: Ms. Dow's son indicated that he misses school. Ms. Dow indicated that she would like the board to consider bringing some of the students back. Expressed concern that parents are feeling divided. Feels the Pledge of Allegiance should occur every day in all classrooms. Specific request to Tony Zamir for additional support at home.
- Ms. Santamaria: Asking that the school open and allow choice for Kindergartners and at-risk kids. Noted that the Kindergartners have never attended in-person school.
- Carol Allioan: Urging board to continue taking a balanced view. She expressed appreciation to those who want the school to return, but noted that we also need to understand there are many who are at high risk. We need to acknowledge we are a community of people with different needs. Acknowledged that remote learning is a work in progress and we need to find new and unique ways to enhance learning.

Discussion Agenda

1. Remote Learning Update
 - No specific action to take tonight
 - Parent survey responses are due back this week. Approx. 33% return rate. Reminder, this is not intended to be a vote. These are commitments to return to school for in person learning or remain in a virtual learning environment.
 - Town hall set for Nov. 2nd
 - Geoff indicated that the timeframe for execution of this plan is NOT a given. We are watching the LCHD numbers and the phase 4 transition may or may not occur on Nov. 6th. Next decision will be on or around Nov. 11th. Decision will be made somewhere in the week of Nov. 10th.
 - Question from Nell regarding % of curriculum being covered.
 - i. It was noted that no specific data is currently available.
 - Question from Demetri regarding the consideration of limiting the amount of screen time further to address any potential mental health concerns.
 - i. Geoff response: The goal is to have balance of learning & screen time & asynchronous learning. The answer comes down to how we can best meet the needs of the whole child. It is a living breathing plan.
 - Question from Lea-Ann regarding the re-setting of a target date if we don't move to the next Phase in the coming weeks.
 - i. Geoff: Looking at the best timing for the transition and minimizing disruption.



2. Committee Composition: Confirming those who will stay on various committees
 - *Outreach: Geoff, Stacey, Jim, Rebekkah H., Lea-Ann*
 - *Academics: Gabrielle White will join Abe on this committee*
 - *Finance: Stacey, Jim*
 - *Governance: Marcelo, JoAnne, Jim, Rebekkah H.*
 - *Elections: Jim to remain as chair. JoAnne will stay. Jim to reach to new PSO officers to identify those who would be interested. Jim to reach out to Geoff for administrative participant.*
3. Calendar of Recurring Events
 - *No additional comments*

Consent Agenda

4. Leadership Team Report
 - *No questions on Kim's report*
5. Financial Statements
 - *No questions from the Board.*
 - *Geoff indicated these will be sent to ISBE soon.*
6. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings
 - *Motion to approve 9/29 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by JoAnn Stewart. Second by Marcelo Chiodi. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
7. Motion to Accept Reports on Consent Agenda
 - *Motion made by Stacey White. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
- *Motion made by Nell revise agenda to move up 2nd public comments opportunity before returning to closed session.*
- *Motion made by Marcelo Chiodi. Second by Stacey White. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

Public Comment:

- Dayna Lorentz: Expressed thanks to Geoff and the staff for working towards reopening plan. Indicated she does not feel students on 504s are being adequately addressed. Asking that PCCS give priority to those on 504s over all others. Asking if PCCS will consider mandatory MAP testing to gauge progress and deficiencies. Asking if PCCS can include more movement during the course of the day.
- Jennifer Mertz: Noted empathy and understanding of the challenge meetings everyone's needs. Read prepared statement. Asking that everyone in the PCCS community be polite and understanding.
- Mr. Berge: Noted his concern with PCCS using the LCHD's incident rate to determine reopening and wanting to know why we are using this metric. Noted that if this graph is going to be what determines the future, we should look at other metrics like academic performance and would like to see a graph to see how other students are performing.



Closed Session:

Motion to move to closed session, related to 5ILCS 120/2(c) 21, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11), and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) .
Motion made by James Mertz. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.

- *Entered closed session at 7:54pm CT.*

Return to Open Session: Return to open session at 9:23pm CT

Action Agenda:

8A. Approve Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings

- *Motion made by Marcelo Chiodi. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

9A – Approve Legal Bills for \$ 742.50

- *Motion made by JoAnn Stewart. Second by Lea-Ann Domanski. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

11A – Approve Executive Director Goals and Review

- *Vote has been deferred to future meeting to allow for modification of the goals.*

Approval of raise for Executive Director

- *The motion will be to move forward with the Executive Director pay raise, that was previously approved in June, but deferred until staff pay raises were approved.*
- *Motion made by Marcelo Chiodi. Second by James Mertz. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*

New Business:

- Jim provided reminder to the board that applications for the open Board Appointed position are due soon.
- Nell reminded the board that certification training is due soon.
 - Geoff reminded the board that the completion of the training is part of the compliance audits.

Adjourn:

- *Motion to adjourn made by Stacey White. Second by Lea-Ann Domanski. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.*
- *Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm CST*

Respectfully Submitted,

James Mertz
Board Secretary