

# PCCS Remote Board of Director's Meeting <u>Approved Meeting Minutes - Open Session</u>

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 697 198 8979

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#### Call to Order - Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order by President Nell Anen at 6:33pm CST.
- In Attendance
  - o PCCS Board:
    - Nell Anen President
    - Marcelo Chiodi Vice President
    - Stacey White Treasurer
    - Jim Mertz Secretary (joined 6:45pm)
    - Abe Janis
    - JoAnn Stewart
    - Demetri Georgatsos
    - Lea-Ann Domanski
    - Ankur Bhatia incoming Board appointed member
  - o Staff:
    - Geoff Deigan Executive Director
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    - Katherine Mui
    - Jena Mertz
    - Janette Siegel
    - Katy Barnett
    - Jim Coonan
    - Gabrielle White
- Absent: Rebekka Herrington incoming Board appointed member

**Welcome of new Board Members**: Welcoming new board appointed members Ankur Bhatia and Rebekka Herrington.

# Motion to Approve Agenda: no public

• Motion made by Stacey White. Second by Marcelo Chiodi. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.

**Public Comment**: no public comment this evening

### **Discussion Agenda**

- 1. Remote Learning Update
  - Note sent postponing after winter break. Lake County case numbers are just shy of 90 cases per 100k. Between 7-14 cases per 100k is window for hybrid.
  - We are monitoring ISBE guidelines. Noted that the Governor may advocate for stricter guidelines.
  - ISBE is advocating no spring break, but 3 long weekends to help prevent travel. May look at potentially modifying school schedule per board approval.
  - Question from Mr. Chiodi re: plans to address at risk students.
    - i. Geoff commented they are looking at how to bring these students into the school.



- Parent survey is 80% response rate. Admin will post one additional reminder. Admin will send another survey in January to get a feel for where parents are at.
  - i. Question from Ms. Stewart if decision is binding.
    - 1. Geoff noted that it is not currently, but once we transition to Phase 4C, parents will be asked to make a decision between virtual and hybrid.
- Question from Ms. Anen re: next communication.
  - i. Geoff noted that intent is to start 4B, assuming normalcy is reached, is around January 11th.
- Question from Mr. Bhatia if preference would be to at risk vs other students if phase 4B/4C.
  - i. Geoff noted the numbers from the parent survey would determine that, but pending the outcome, it may not be an issue.
- Question from Ms. Stewart if there has been a trend for specific grades.
  - i. Geoff noted that detailed analytics have not been completed (awaiting other 20%), but no clear trend at this point.
- 2. Committee Composition: Confirming those who will stay on various committees
  - Academics: Met on Nov.10. Encouraging news on growth demonstrated from testing. NWEA scores have shown improvement in most grade bands. Attendance has held steady. Social/Emotional Growth is being tracked.
  - Elections: Fall cycle is complete. Next target is March for the next parent election cycle.
  - Governance: Mandated board training needs to be done. Discussed orientation for new members.
  - Finance: No update.
  - Outreach: No update.
- 3. Campus Update
  - All classrooms are having technology and screen upgrades for hybrid and remote learning.
  - HVAC system has been updated. Air purifiers are being added to all classrooms.
  - Finishing touches to Kenicott. Hoping to be able to provide a Zoom tour in January
  - Barn: Updates are in progress.
- 4. Board Goals Update
  - Nell noted that with training wrapping up, we need to focus on concrete goals for the Board. Suggested board "retreat" virtually during December 15th meeting.

## **Consent Agenda**

- 5. Directors Report
  - No questions on Geoff's report
- 6. Financial Statements
  - No questions from the Board.
- 7. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings
  - Board Meeting Minutes from 10/27 and 11/16
  - Election Committee minutes from 9/10 (Parent Elect), 9/10 (Board Elect), and 11/2 (Board Elect)
  - Motion to approve the Board and Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion made by James Mertz. Second by Stacey White. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.



- 8. Motion to Accept Reports on Consent Agenda
  - Motion made by Stacey White. Second by JoAnn Stewart. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.

## **Public Comment**: No public comment this evening

- 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 Lea-Ann Domanski. Second by Marcelo Chiodi. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.
- Exit to closed session at 7:16pm CT.

# **Return to Open Session:**

Return to open session at 7:56pm CT

# **Action Agenda:**

- 9A Approve Legal Bills for \$ 742.50
  - Motion made by James Mertz. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.
- 11A Approve Executive Director Goals and Review
  - Motion made by Marcelo Chiodi. Second by Lea-Ann Domanski. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes.
- 12A Approve Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings
  - Motion to approve 10/27 and 11/16 as amended. Motion made by Stacey White. Second by Demetri Georgatsos. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'.

#### **New Business:**

No new business discussed.

## Adjourn:

• Motion to adjourn made by JoAnn Stewart. Second by Ankur Bhatia. Approved on roll call vote; carried all 'Yes'. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm CST

# Respectfully Submitted,

James Mertz Board Secretary