



**PCCS Board of Directors,  
Academics Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 17, 2023 @ 6:00PM  
Wright School House/Library  
1571 Jones Point Rd  
Grayslake, Il. 60030**

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**Committee members present:** Nell Anen, Matthew Earl, Bernadette Lundeen

**Staff Present:** Tony Zamiar

**Public Present:** Jenny Diehl

**Call to Order** 6:01pm

Matthew Earl

**Public Comment** - Ms. Diehl expressed interest in joining the Academic Excellence Committee.

**Discussion Items**

1. Fine Arts Update
  - a. Have met three times, wants to engage with students and grow awareness
  - b. Discussion of band, drama choir, chorus, growing into clubs or academic programming
  - c. Next Fine Arts Meeting scheduled for 3/9/2023
2. Erin's and Faith's Law
  - a. Several new State Requirements for communication
    - i. Educational approach is fully compliant
  - b. Two training sessions scheduled (General and Staff presentations)
  - c. Opt Out option is available
3. Committee Composition
  - a. Welcomed new committee member Bernie Linden. Ms. Linden introduced herself to the committee. Also discussed Jennifer Diehl joining the committee with committee members stating support for this. Committee chair Mr. Earl will confer with Board Chair Stacey White regarding approval for Ms. Diehl to join the committee.
4. Review Minutes from Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - a. Deferred to May 16, 2023 meeting to complete notes composition

**Action Items**

- 4A. Approve Minutes from November 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - (a) Deferred to May 16, 2023 Meeting

**New Business**

- Approve Minutes from November 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Adjourn**

- 6:38 pm Motion to Adjourn from Nell Anen and seconded by Bernadette Lundeen

Committee Members Present: Matt Earl, Bernie Lindeen, Nell Anen

Staff Present: Tony Zamiar

Public Present: Jennifer Diehl

Call to Order Matt Earl

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

Public Comment

Ms. Diehl expressed interest in joining the Academic Excellence Committee.

Discussion Items

1. Fine Arts Update

Mr. Zamiar provided an update on the Fine Arts Committee. The Committee has met three times with a planned next meeting for March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is studying the potential opportunities to grow the Fine Arts program at PCCS. Currently, committee members are exploring scheduling and space options to expand Fine Arts. Addition consideration is being given to whether any potential changes in Fine Arts are implemented in the same versus different manner for the Comstock versus Carson buildings. Efforts are being made to contact other schools to see how those schools are implementing their Fine Arts programs. Additionally, Mr. Zamiar is researching various school schedule models to explore which model best matches the overall mission of PCCS. It is still hoped that some changes may occur as soon as next school year.

2. Erin's and Faith's Law

Mr. Zamiar presented this topic and gathered feedback from committee members. In broad terms, Erin's Law focused on student instruction/support, while Faith's law is geared towards educators. Illinois issued new mandates related to both of these laws. As such, PCCS is updating curriculum. Staff participated in a presentation from Mr. Zamiar as well as completed a GCN Training. For Kindergarten-Fifth grade students, plans are underway to utilize the Second Step Child Protection Unit for Kindergarten-Grade 5. For sixth through eighth grade students, the Sexual Abuse Prevention: Health World for Grades 6-8 is being proposed. Committee members reviewed a curriculum overview of all of these programs and expressed support to Mr. Zamiar to move forward with these changes. A letter will be sent to parents sharing this information.

3. Committee Composition

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Committee chair Mr. Earl will confer with Board Chair Stacey White regarding approval for Ms. Diehl to join the committee.

4. Review Minutes from Nov 15 Meeting

Minutes from Nov 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were not available due to unexpected absence of committee member. Deferred at this time.

Action Items

4A. Approves Meetings from Previous Meetings

As no minutes were available for review, no action was taken at this meeting.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjourn:

Ms. Lindeen motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Anen. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Anen

