



**PCCS Board of Directors,
Governance Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
Tuesday November 15, 2023 @ 7:00PM
Wright School House/Library
1591 Jones Point Rd
Grayslake, Il. 60030**

Call to Order – 7:09 PM

Rebekka Herrington

Committee Members Present: Rebekka Herrington, Leah Stender, Nell Anen

Public Present: Gabi White

Public Comment

No public comment was made at the meeting.

Discussion Items

1. Amended Policy 500.16 Attendance and Truancy

The committee reviewed recommended changes to this policy as had been presented at the October 2022 Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Herrington invited Ms. White to participate in this discussion. After much discussion, the committee agreed that Ms. Herrington would request that Mr. Deigan provide the committee with additional information regarding where these proposed changes were derived from (specifically, related to if the school was required to adapt all of these specific proposed amendments as written or if there is flexibility in the new guidelines/requirements). Some committee members expressed concern regarding amended items numbers 5 and 6 in the policy, the wording of “Absenteeism and Truancy Program” and whether item (b) in the beginning of the policy could read “grades, kindergarten through 8” instead of the current wording “grades, kindergarten through 12”. The committee decided not to engage in any action regarding recommending a 2nd reading of the policy at a Board of Directors meeting until this additional information was obtained from administration.

2. Safety Policy Review

The committee began discussion of the Safety Policy but stated that this discussion would likely continue at the next committee meeting given that some committee members were not present today. Committee members present expressed a desire to obtain more information from the administration regarding the school’s communication policies during emergency situations as well as the process for annually reviewing the school safety policies.

3. Community Awareness of Board Operations.

Ms. Herrington suggested that one means of increasing community awareness of Board operations could be to include a “Board Corner” in the weekly PCCS email newsletters, similar to the “PSO Corner” that is currently part of the newsletter. One or two facts about the Board and/or Board actions could be shared each week. Ms. Stender and Ms. Anen expressed support for this idea. Ms. Herrington will bring the idea to the Board president/Outreach committee for further discussion.

4. Committee Composition

Clarified current committee members as: Rebekka Herrington (chair), Leah Stender, Nell Anen, JoAnn Stewart and Jim Mertz

Action Items

- 1A. Add Policy 500.16 2nd Read to the Nov 29th Board Agenda
No Action was taken at this meeting.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ms. Stender and seconded by Ms. Anen, with all “ayes”. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Thank you for attending the meeting of the PCCS Board of Education. Individual board members do not respond to public comment. For questions or comments, please e-mail the Board at board@pccharterschool.org. Board e-mails are received and responded to by the Board President.

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