



**PCCS Board of Director's Meeting**  
**APPROVED OPEN SESSION MINUTES**  
**November 19th, 2024, at 7:00PM**  
**Vicky Ranney Library 1571 Jones Point Road Grayslake, IL 60030**

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**Board Present**

Matt Earl                      Ankur Bhatia  
Steve Heroux                Gabi White  
Rebekka Herrington      Josh Pejsach

Navin Chatlani  
JoAnn Stewart  
Leah Stender

**Staff Present**

Geoff Deigan

**Public Present:** None

**Call to Order** by Matt Earl at 7:03 PM

**Public Comment 10 Minutes**

No public present.

**Discussion Agenda**

**1. Committee Updates: Academics & Governance**

Academics – Congratulations were given by the Board to the school for earning the designation 'Exemplary'; PCCS is #1 for Charter Schools for Elementary and Primary schools in Illinois. Matt discussed the new therapy dog and the surrounding program. Regarding the therapy dog, there was some discussion about liability insurance and the possibility of emergency veterinary bills and/or insurance. Next committee meeting is in February.

Governance – Did not have quorum at the meeting, so no actions were taken. Discussed ISBE's requirement for the language changes on the bullying policy. The therapy dog program was also a discussion, regarding how to draft a policy surrounding said program. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January but may be moved sooner.

**2. 2nd Reading Amended Policy 400.1 Uniform Grievance Policy.**

Minor changes based on last reading; see packet.

**3. Review of ISBE request of additions to Policy 500.14 Bullying Policy**

Geoff led the discussion; the packet contains all the additions that ISBE asked to be made to the policy underlined in red. The details of the language changes were discussed. Per ISBE, we have 90 days to resubmit and comply.

**Consent Agenda**

**4. Financial Statements**

Geoff shared that the statements are comparable to what we would expect, factoring in the timing of the invoices, etc. Nothing that is out of trend or alarming, per Geoff. There was lengthy discussion about the new funding model for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip.

**5. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings**

Moved by Gabi White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Heroux, All votes Aye.

## **6. Motion to Accept Reports on Consent Agenda**

Moved by Rebekka Herrington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leah Stender, All votes Aye.

**Closed Session:** *No discussion was needed, so closed session was never entered.*

## **7. One or More Classes of Employees**

## **8. Review Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings**

## **9. Legal Bills (if received)**

### **Public Comment 10 Minutes**

No public comment.

### **Action Agenda**

#### **2A – Approve Amended Policy 200.12 Uniform Grievance Policy.**

Motion by Gabi White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leah Stender. Roll Call, all votes Aye.

#### **3B – Approve Edits as amended to Policy 500.14**

Moved by Rebekka Herrington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Heroux. Roll Call, all votes Aye.

#### **3A – Motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy 500.14**

Moved by Gabi White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnn Stewart. Roll Call, all votes Aye.

#### **8A – Approve Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings**

No minutes to approve.

#### **9A – Approve Legal Bills**

Moved by Steve Heroux, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnn Stewart. Roll Call, all votes Aye.

### **New Business**

The Governance committee will meet on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Gabi White mentioned that at the Governance Committee meeting there were 3 members of the public present who shared their grievances about the bullying policy and procedures surrounding said policy.

Rebekka Herrington discussed holding a 'New Board Member Orientation' and shared the packet that she created with Matt Earl for the purposes of onboarding new board members.

### **Adjourn**

Moved by Ankur Bhatia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Heroux. All Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Heroux, Secretary.