



PCCS Board of Director's Meeting
March 18th, 2024, at 7:00PM
Vicky Ranney Library
1571 Jones Point Road Grayslake, IL 60030

Board Present

Matt Earl Steve Heroux
Josh Pejsach Gabi White
Rebekka Herrington Leah Stender

Staff Present

Geoff Deigan

Navin Chatlani
JoAnn Stewart
Ankur Bhatia

Public Present: None

Call to Order by Matt Earl at 7:03 PM

Public Comment- None; no public present.

Mission Moment – Geoff shared that last Saturday they had a community day and used the Barn. There were lots of discussions about additional partnerships with the school and the community, etc. Additionally, JoAnn shared great news about money being raised for St Baldricks by in the Gym.

Discussion Agenda

1. 2nd Reading Policy 600.7 Animals on Campus – Rebekka Herrington shared that there were no material changes between the first reading the second.
2. Biannual Review of Closed Session Minutes and Recordings – Geoff Deigan shared that this is a biannual statute, and shared the options available to the Board. Regarding the recordings, they can be deleted in arrears after 18 months.
3. Lottery Update – Geoff Deigan shared that the lottery was a success; on the night of the lottery, the numbers were 260 total applicants, with 48 openings in kindergarten not including siblings. Smooth execution, paperwork is heading out now.
4. Board Retreat Update – Matt Earl shared the results of the poll. After a brief discussion, we decided to begin planning to hold the retreat on June 18th and begin to scout places. Leah Stender shared her thoughts on the agenda for the day, and possible topics. After discussion, succession planning and board member onboarding emerged as priorities to explore at the retreat. Matt Earl suggested that someone become the subject matter expert on the retreat; Rebekka Herrington agreed to take it on and lead the planning process, with help from Leah Stender and Gabi White.
5. Committee Updates –

Governance – Rebekka Herrington shared that the committee discussed several policies but have no new readings. They explored policies that they are nominating for rescission. Rebekka clarified that the policies they are asking the Board to rescind (item #6, below) are largely because of redundancies, or because the policy in question was in fact a procedure, not a policy. Those reasons are delineated in the Board Packet.

Elections – JoAnn Stewart shared that the Parent Elected Board member election closes at 3:30 PM on April 9th. The Election committee will mee at that time to review and certify those applications to make sure they are complete and officially kick off the election.

Josh Pejsach joined the meeting at 7:50 PM.

6. Review List of Policies for Potential Rescission

- 500.9 Electronic Devices and Valuable
- 500.11 Use of Hazardous or Toxic Materials by Students
- 500.22 Immunization Objections based on Religious Grounds
- 700.1 School Wide Communications Procedures
- 1000.3 Presence of Child Sex Offenders on School Grounds

Consent Agenda

7. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings – Moved by Rebekka Herrington, 2nd by Gabi White. All aye.

8. Legal Bills – no legal bills to discuss because of the earlier board meeting.

Geoff Deigan left the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Motion to enter closed session by Rebekka Herrington, 2nd by Steve Heroux. Roll call vote, all aye.

Entered Closed Session at 8:09 PM

Closed Session

Discussion related to 5ILCS 120/2(c) 21-Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes mandated by Section 2.06

8. Review Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings
9. Biannual Review of Closed Session Minutes

Discussion Related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

10. Legal Bills

Discussion related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

11. Executive Director Contract

Exited Closed Session at 9:16 PM

Public Comment – No public comment.

Action Agenda

- 1A – Adopt Policy 600.7 Animals of Campus – 1st by Leah Stender, 2nd by Gabi White; All ayes
- 2A – Approve Action for Closed Session Minutes and Recordings – 1st by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Josh Pejsach; All aye; Motion to destroy recordings older than 18 months – 1st by Rebekka Herrington, 2nd by Gabi White; All ayes.
- 6A – Rescind Policies – 500.9 , 500.11, 500.22 ,700.1 and 1000.3 – No action taken, second reading will be at the next board meeting.
- 8A – Approve Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings – 1st by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Leah Stender; All ayes.
- 10A – Approve Legal Bills – None to approve; no action taken.
- 11A – Approve Executive Director Contract – Motion to approve the tentative agreement as outline by Matt Earl and Rebekka pending successful legal review & approval by JoAnn Stewart. 2nd by Rebekka Herrington. Roll call vote: JoAnn Stewart – yes; Navin Chatlani – yes, with assurances that it will be approved by legal; Gabi White – yes; Leah Stender – yes; Steve Heroux – yes; Matt Earl – yes; Rebekka Herrington – yes; Ankur Bhatia – yes; Josh Pejsach – no. Motion passes.

New Business

Matt Earl urged all members of the Board to submit their Statement of Economic Interest Forms.

Navin Chatlani raised concerns about roughhousing in the 4th grade, and asked a letter be sent to the parents urging proper behavior. Leah Stender added a concern that inappropriate language in the 6th grade is also of concern and needs to be addressed.

Matt Earl stated that per point 6A – revisit second reading of policies for the next meeting.

Adjourn

Motion by Steve Heroux, 2nd Rebekka, all aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Heroux, Secretary