PCCS Board of Director's Meeting
MINUTES
October 27, 2026, at 7:00PM
Vicky Ranney Library 1571 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030

Board Present			**Staff Present**
Rebekka Herrington	Ankur Bhatia	Steve Heroux	Geoff Deigan
Leah Stender	Gabi White	Peyton Schrag	

Call to Order – Rebekka Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Recognition & Appreciation by the Vice President:
Rebekka Herrington recognized the commitment and dedication to the board by Matt Earl. Matt was not present but he sent a gift of recognition for the Executive Board via Rebekka. The board has invited Matt to the November meeting to show their appreciation to him.

Motion to Adjourn – Sine Die
Motion to Adjourn by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Gabi White; all votes aye.
Seating of Incoming Board Members:
Board Appointed: David Ausbrook, Steve Heroux
Parent-Elected: Rebekka Herrington, Ankur Bhatia

Roll Call to Constitute a Quorum by Executive Director

All Board Members present except Josh Pejsach

Election of New Board Officers Facilitated by Exec Director
Geoff Deigan offered that the officer nominations took place at the last meeting, but that additional nominations were still open.

Nomination for Secretary: Leah Stender
Nominated by Rebekka Herrington, 2nd by Steve Heroux, roll call, all votes aye, Leah Stender abstained.

Nomination for Treasurer Ankur Bhatia
Nominated by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Leah Stender, roll call, all votes aye, Ankur Bhatia abstained.

Nomination for VP - Steve Heroux
Nominated by Rebekka Herrington, 2nd by Ankur Bhatia, roll call, all votes aye, Steve Heroux abstained.

Nomination for Prez - Rebekka
Nominated by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Peyton Schrag, roll call, all votes aye, Rebekka Herrington abstained.

Oath of Office
Conflict of Interest Forms
All read through and filled out the forms.

Resolutions:
Adopt Policies, Resolutions and Procedures of Former Boards
Moved by Gabi White, 2nd by Steve Heroux; roll call, all votes aye.

Resolution to Employ Legal Counsel: Franczek P.C.
Moved by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Gabi White; roll call, all votes aye.

Motion to Approve PCCS Holdings and Byron Colby Barn LLC Managers
Stacey White, Geoff Deigan, Karen Wilkes.
Moved by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Rebekka Herrington; roll call, all votes aye.

Brief Recess to Review and Sign Board Documents

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Duration: 18/Estimated 40 Minutes

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CREATING NATURAL LEADERS

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Rebekka Herrington	Ankur Bhatia	Steve Heroux	Geoff Deigan
Leah Stender	Gabi White	Peyton Schrag	
		David Ausbrook	

Re-Call to Order – Rebekka Herrington recalled to order at 7:18 pm

Motion to Approve Agenda - Motion to add an Action Item as discussion item #2A to approve Board Committee Composition - Moved by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Ankur Bhatia; roll call, all votes aye.

Welcome New Board Members – Rebekka Herrington welcomed the new Board members.

Public Comment - No public present, no public comment **0/ 10 Minutes**

Discussion Agenda (8:24 pm) 66/30 Minutes

1. School Inspections Results (ROE /Fire Marshall) - Geoff Deigan shared details surrounding the results of the inspection (included in packet) and praised the grounds team for their excellent results and attention to detail. The school continues to be in good condition. Steve Heroux and Gabi White also shared additional praise for Nick and Grounds crew
2. Board Committee Composition, Meeting Cadence and Frequency - Rebecca Herrington shared details about the new process for the Board approving the Committee Chairs. Additionally, Rebekka recommended Gabi White take over as Governance Committee Chair. Rebekka also shared that Ankur Bhatia has agreed to continue to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee, and that Peyton Schrag has agreed to take over as Chair of the Academic Excellence Committee.

   Additional discussion ensued on the cadence and frequency of committee meetings, while still pending input from (potential) new chairs. Rebekka offered that the new meeting cadence be greater than the previous cadence of 4 meetings per year. Governance has already begun meeting 8 times per year, and Peyton shared that the AEC was planning to meet 6 times per year. Ankur shared that the Finance committee has not yet formally discussed frequency, but that they plan to discuss at the November meeting. Further healthy discussion was had on the composition and recruitment of additional committee members.

3. Board Training Modules - Discussion ensued regarding the required training and what is available for the board. Further discussion was had on a watch party for the board, potentially in early December.
4. Parent – Elect Board Position Status/Next Steps – Steve Heroux discussed the recent special elections held resulted no candidates for the position. The Election taskforce met and recommends that with the holidays coming up and with possible communication burnout, that the next election cycle be pushed back until the standard parent-elect cycle in May 2027.

   Robust discussion was had regarding timing, potential confusion with two term options (one full term and one partial term), and the policy for this process. The discussion was tabled until next board meeting.

Consent Agenda (8:29) 5/20 Minutes

5. Director's Report – Geoff Deigan thanked Matt Earl for his tenure on the Board and as President.

6. Business Manager's Report, Financial Statements and 1st Quarter Financials – No questions from the board.
7. Committee Reports – Gabi White asked if the Elections Taskforce had a report, there was not a report this time due to the addition of the agenda item. There were no other questions on the board reports.
8. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings – Motion to approve as amended moved by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Gabi White; all votes aye
9. Motion to Accept Reports on Consent Agenda – Moved by Gabi White, 2nd by Steve Heroux; all votes aye

Closed Session: 0/15 Minutes

The board declined to go into closed session, no discussion needed.

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.

10. New Hires. 5 Minutes

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

11. Review Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings.

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.

12. Legal Bills.

Public Comment – There were no public present, no public comment

Action Agenda 3/10 Minutes

2A - Approve Committee Chair – Motion to approve committee chairs as above by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Rebekka Herrington; roll call, all votes aye

10A – Approve New Hires – Moved by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Peyton Schrag; roll call, all votes aye

11A – Approve Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings – Moved by Steve Heroux, 2nd by Gabi White; all votes aye.

12A – Approve Legal Bills – Motion to approve legal bills in the amount of $798.00 by Ankur Bhatia, 2nd by Gabi White; roll call, all votes aye

New Business: 3/5 Minutes

Finance Committee Meeting for Fy25 Financial Statements Nov 10th 6PM
Date for Executive Committee Meeting in November – potentially the 12th
Geoff Deigan shared that auditors will be on school grounds November 10th to present to the Finance Committee.

Motion to Adjourn by Leah Stender, 2nd by Steve Heroux; all votes aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Meeting Duration: 95 Minutes