

**Providence Englewood Charter School
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

At

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Thursday, April 23, 2020

4:00p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM

Directors

Ellen Kollar
Matt Bergmann
Tim Dugan
Leslie Holling
Howard Isenberg
Kelley Kalinich
Bernard Lilly
James Reilly
John Stevenson
John Stoops
Latasha Thomas
Arlen Wiley
Jason Zenner

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Peg Cain
Caroline Degenaaars
Rona Fourte
Walter Matthews

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff

Angela Johnson-Williams, Principal, PECS
Shinwe Shelton, Deputy Director of Operations, PECS
Tahanni Ragland, Business Manager, PECS
Jessica Lewis, PECS Promise, PECS
Dr. Antoine Jones, Recruiter, PECS
Faina Dookh, University of Chicago Board Fellow
Danielle Xu, University of Chicago Board Fellow

I. ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Mrs. Kollar.

II. Opening Comments and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

a. Virtual Meeting Rules

Mr. Bergmann addressed the particulars of hosting a virtual board meeting. The normal in-person quorum threshold is waived due to our inability to meet in person. Quorum by zoom and phone participants is acceptable.

b. Approval of Minutes

On motion duly made (Mr. Dugan), seconded (Mr. Isenberg), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the February 29, 2020 Board meeting.

III. ACADEMICS

a. Review Remote Learning and Academic Report

Mrs. Johnson-Williams gave the highlights of the Academic Report. There was much discussion about the impact of COVID-19, and the related school closings/stay-at-home orders, on the PECS community. Mrs. Johnson-Williams reviewed the actions being taken by teachers and staff to have contact with all students and families. She also discussed PECS's remote learning plan (which is available on the PECS website with lesson plans listed by week). She noted that teachers have been hosting weekly Zoom meetings with their students and providing assignments through Google Classroom.

Mrs. Johnson-Williams also reviewed with the Board a draft proposed staffing plan for 2020-2021 school year, based on current enrollment estimates and her desire to reinstate the role of Dean of Students. Mrs. Johnson-Williams also discussed with the Board that she is in the process of planning for a virtual summer/Semester 3 program, which will take place from June 15-July 9, 2020.

b. Charter Renewal Status

Mrs. Johnson-Williams discussed with the Board the status of PECS's Charter Renewal. The renewal will be for five years and comes with 2 pre-conditions: (1) updates must be made to the student handbook stating that we no longer suspend K-2 students, and (2) PECS personnel must attend 2 sessions on discipline with CPS. We have attended one of the training sessions thus far and, per the Board's approval at our last meeting, have made changes to the Student Handbook which has been submitted to CPS.

c. Academic Excellence Report

Dr. Kalinich provided an update regarding the Academic Excellence Committee. She discussed, in particular, the research that has been done regarding establishing a

Pre-K program at PECS. In light of the learnings regarding funding for such programs, Dr. Kalinich noted that it is likely that PECS will have to rely on private funding to start-up its Pre-K program.

IV. FINANCIAL/OPERATIONS

Ms. Shelton reviewed in detail the Financial Report, including the year-to-date financials, with the Board, noting comparisons to prior year and to budget. She also briefly reviewed a high-level series of draft budgets for the 2020-2021 school year – these will be reviewed in more detail at the June Board meeting. Ms. Shelton also reported that PECS is 100% on-time and compliant with CPS submissions.

V. Board Committee Reports

- a. Development – Mr. Zennernoted for the Board the success of the 2020 annual event, which was held on February 28, 2020. He will report to the Board in more detail at the next meeting regarding funds raised during the 2019-2020 school year.
- b. Recruitment – Mr. Wiley, Dr. Jones, and Ms. Lewis updated the Board with respect to recruitment activities and reviewed current enrollment numbers and projections.
- c. PECS Promise – Mr. Reilly and Ms. Lewis updated the Board with respect to the PECS Promise Program. They noted, in particular, that they are exploring offering a prep course for Selective Enrollment Testing next year.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made (Mrs. Thomas), seconded (Mr. Bergmann) and unanimously passed, the meeting of the Board is adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 4, 2020 @ 4:00pm (Virtual Zoom Meeting)