

Providence Englewood Charter School
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

At

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Thursday, June 4, 2020

4:00p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM

Directors

Ellen Kollar

Matt Bergmann

Peg Cain

Tim Dugan

Rona Fourte

Leslie Holling

Howard Isenberg

Kelley Kalinich

James Reilly

John Stevenson

John Stoops

Latasha Thomas

Arlen Wiley

Jason Zenner

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Caroline Degenaaars

Bernard Lilly

Walter Matthews

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Cynthia Helle, PECS Foundation Board Chair

I. ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Mrs. Kollar.

II. Opening Comments and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes

On motion duly made (Mr. Isenberg), seconded (Dr. Kalinich), the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 23, 2020 Board Meeting.

III. ACADEMICS

a. Review Remote Learning and Academic Report

Mrs. Johnson-Williams gave the highlights of the Academic Report, including faculty and staff planning and updates for the school year 2020-21 and academic scoreboard data. She also provided details to the Board regarding PECS experience with remote learning, noting that overall school-wide there was 60% engagement by students via zoom. The PECS engagement numbers were better than others across the district.

Mrs. Johnson-Williams also provided an update regarding the Charter Renewal process. She reported that all preconditions were either satisfied or in process.

Finally, Mrs. Johnson-Williams noted that the 8th grade graduation will happen virtually via Facebook Live on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 2 pm.

b. Academic Excellence

Dr. Kalinich provided an update regarding Pre-K progress, with a focus on the funding that will be required to launch the program and how that funding is being sought.

IV. FINANCIAL/OPERATIONS

Mrs. Shelton reviewed in detail the Financial Report with the Board, noting comparisons to prior year and to budget. She also reviewed the Pro-forma budget for the 2020-2021 school year for Board approval.

On motion duly made (Ms. Thomas), seconded (Dr. Kalinich), the Board delegated to the Finance Committee the authority to approve, on behalf of the Board, the budget for submission to CPS.

To date there have been no updates or communication on being added to CPS' capital improvement plan for PECS necessary roof repairs.

V. Board Committee Reports

- a. Development – Mr. Zenner reported on the success of the Annual Event. Mr. Zenner also proposed that the fundraising goal for next year should stay the same (\$150K).
- b. Recruitment – Mr. Wiley reported on the efforts of the recruitment committee and the status of enrollment. He noted the work being done on Spanish language marketing materials and our increased presence on social media with targeted Facebook ads. The pandemic has us limited in physical engagements but the team is still actively making communications and will hold a virtual recruiting event in late June.
- c. PECS Promise – Ms. Lewis reported about the colleges that PECS recent high school graduates will be attending and our PECS 8th graders' high school acceptances.
- d. Governance – Mr. Bergmann reported about the work of the Governance Committee, noting first that Mrs. Forte and Ms. Thomas have joined the Committee. At the Board's September meeting, the Committee expects to propose one or more individuals to be added to the Board. Mr. Bergmann also reminded all Directors of the need to complete 4 hours of board education by the end of this year. INCS is running classes that can fulfill this requirement. He also noted that the Board will need to add a parent of a current PECS student to the Board by the end of the year; the Governance Committee will work with Mrs. Johnson-Williams to identify appropriate candidates for this position.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made (Dr. Kalinich), seconded (Mr. Dugan) and unanimously passed, the meeting of the Board was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 10, 2020 @ 4:00pm (Virtual Zoom Meeting)