

Providence Englewood Charter School  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ZOOM ONLY  
Saturday, February 25, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS VIA ZOOM

Ellen Kollar, Board Chair  
Caroline Degenaaars  
Peg Cain  
Rona Fourte  
Howard Isenberg  
Tim Lemberger  
Joan Malliband  
James Reilly  
John Stevenson  
John Stoops  
Latasha Thomas  
Luis Velazquez  
Arlen Wiley  
Jason Zenner

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Cheryl Crockett  
Tim Dugan  
Kelley Kalinich  
Yolanda Lester  
Bernard Lilly

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff

Angela Johnson-Williams, Principal, PECS  
Shinwe Shelton, Deputy Director of Operations, PECS  
Tahanni Ragland, Business Manager, PECS  
Jacinta Wallace, PreK Director, PECS  
Dr. Antoine Jones, Recruiter, PECS  
Walter Matthews, Student Advocate, PECS  
Jessica Lewis, External Affairs Program Manager, PECS

I. ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Mrs. Kollar.

II. Public Participation

No public participation currently.

III. Opening Comments and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. On motion duly made (Fourte) and seconded (Cain), the Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 8, 2022.

IV. ACADEMICS

Mrs. Johnson-Williams reviewed with the Board her Semester 1 “State of the School” presentation and discussed the engagement she had with PECS teachers when she reviewed the same presentation with them.

Mrs. Johnson-Williams reviewed with the Board the results, action plans and goals regarding PECS students’ standardized assessments. She noted that students are growing overall, but attainment is still a challenge.

Mrs. Johnson-Williams reviewed with the Board the proposed Academic Calendar for 2023-2024. After discussion, and on motion duly made (Thomas) and seconded (Cain), the Board unanimously approved the 2023-24 Academic Calendar.

Ms. Wallace discussed with the Board the Pre-K program. Pre-K enrollment is at 18 and nearly every student has perfect attendance. Ms. Wallace also discussed actions regarding future funding for the Pre-K program, noting that PECS has started receiving checks from the Illinois Action Network for childcare reimbursements and that Ms. Wallace continues to submit grant applications.

V. FINANCE/OPERATIONS

Mrs. Shelton reviewed with the Board the financial statements and year-to-date comparison to budget. She also noted that work continues with PECS’s auditor for the A-133 audit regarding title funding and that she is in the process of completing Form 990 for tax purposes.

VI. DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Kollar began the Development discussion by extending a huge thank-you to the Development Committee for their work in putting on the PECS Annual Event – Sneaker Ball. It was a fun night for all!

Mrs. Degenars and Mrs. Malliband discussed highlights from the event. They noted that there was almost 100% Board support either in attendance or donation; that so far we have raised approximately \$50,000 funds for the S3 program; and that we will continue our campaign with pictures from the event along with “we missed you” to those that were not in attendance with an aim to encourage additional donations. They noted that to gain more attendance and support, we will look to changing the date for next year’s event and possibly also the day of the week.

Finally, they noted that fundraising for the fiscal year (through 1/31/23) was roughly \$146,000.

VII. RECRUITMENT

The recruitment team and Mr. Wiley updated the Board with regard to recruitment and reenrollment activities and status. The team highlighted that they will be developing a focus group to zero in on the Hispanic Population, as well as partnering with Board member, Mr. Velazquez, to visit with Alderman Lopez.

VIII. PECS PROMISE

Ms. Lewis and Mr. Reilly noted that PECS 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are still waiting for high school enrollment results, which will be released by CPS on March 24th. Three students have applied to private institutions including De LaSalle and Morgan Park Academy. One of the three has been chosen for Round 2 of interviews for HFS Chicago Scholars. Ms. Lewis has shared the wonderful progress of some of our PECS Alum that had been included in the Board Packet.

IX. GOVERNANCE

Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Fourte have had conversations with potential new Board members and will continue that process toward Board consideration. They also reminded all members to complete appropriate Board training during the year.

X. ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made (Cain), seconded (Thomas) and unanimously passed, the meeting of the Board was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 27, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Water Street