



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 5/17/2016

Agenda 6:00 PM

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- **Call to Order- Dr. Jean Chandler**
- **Pledge of Allegiance- Captain Ken Ryan**
- **Reading of the Mission Statement – Dr. Tim Gott**
- **Public Comments- Anyone Signing In To Speak**
- **Introduction of Mission Design Teams - Dr. Tim Gott**
- **Principal's Report- Dr. Tim Gott**
- **Military Set Aside- Dr. Tim Gott**
- **Academic Excellence Committee-Dr. Tim Gott**
- **Approval of St. Leo University Contract- Dr. Tim Gott**
ACTION ITEM: Vote to approve contract with St. Leo to use PSA Facilities.
- **Approval of Capstone Curriculum; SC School of Math and Science Curriculum; and Accelerate Courses at SC Governor's School of Science and Mathematics- ACTION ITEM: Vote to approve all courses and classes for 2016-2017- Dr. Tim Gott**
- **Introduction of New and Old Board Members – Dr. Jean Chandler**

- **Approval of Board minutes for April 15, 2016 – ACTION ITEM: Vote to approve April 15, 2016 Board minutes- Captain Ken Ryan (Acting Secretary)**
- **Approval of February and March, 2016 Financial Statements- Mr. Rob Fifield-ACTION ITEM: Vote to approve February and March, 2016 Financial Statements.**
- **Approval of 2016-2017 PSA Proposed Budget- Mr. Rob Fifield ACTION ITEM: Vote to approve 2016-2017 PSA Budget.**
- **Approval of a Change to the Capitalization Policy- Mr. Rob Fifield ACTION ITEM: Vote to approve Change to Capitalization Policy.**
- **Election of PSA Board Officers (Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) – Captain Ken Ryan (Acting Secretary)**
- **Adjournment**



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Palmetto Scholars Academy Board Members

Dr. Mark Bowden, PSA Parent, Associate Professor for MUSC Health Sciences and Research and Director of the MUSC Physical Therapy Neurologic Residency Program; Ms. Alys Campaigne, PSA Parent, Former Chair of East Cooper Montessori Charter School, and founding principal at *Engage Strategies*, a policy and strategic consulting firm; Dr. Jean Chandler, Gifted and Talented Specialist and SC Consortium for Gifted Education Board Member ; Mr. Rob Fifield, President, Bauer International; Dr. Tim Gott, PSA Principal and Ex-Officio Member of the Board; Mr. Walter Loiselle, Chief Operating Officer of the Enterprise Division, Chief Information Officer, and Senior Vice President of Blackbaud, provider of nonprofit fundraising software and services; Mr. Jack Moore, Principal of Applied Thought Consulting; Ms. Tiffany Provence; PSA Parent, Former Probate Judge for Dorchester County; and Founder and Managing Partner, Provence Messervy, LLC; Dr. Marilyn Schaffner, Chief Nursing Executive and Administrator for Clinical Services, Medical University of South Carolina; Mr. Stephen Slifer, Former Chief U.S. Economist for Lehman Brothers and senior economist at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve; and Lt. Colonel Ralph Taylor, Deputy Commander, 628th Mission Support Squadron Group, Joint Base Charleston.

Meeting Attendees

The meeting was attended by an audience of approximately seventy-five individuals comprised of parents, students, teachers, and community leaders.

Members Present Through Conference Call

Mr. Rob Fifield participated through conference call in the meeting.

I. Call to Order – Dr. Jean Chandler called the meeting to order.

II. A quorum was present.

III. Mr. Jeffrey Ryan (PSA Class of 2016) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Dr. Tim Gott read the mission statement.

V. Open Comment

- **Mr. Win Gasperson, Mr. Lawrence Goldberg, and Dr. Dave Eslinger addressed the board on various issues.**

VI. Consent Agenda:

- **The board approved the Agenda for the May 17, 2016 meeting.**

VII. Introduction of Mission Design Teams- Dr. Tim Gott

- **Ms. Kellye Voigt, Mission Design Instructor, introduced the winning teams.**
- **The INSPIRESS Mission Designed Teams shared their award winning projects with the board and guests.**

VIII. Principal's Report- Dr. Tim Gott

- **Dr. Tim Gott shared information from 2016-2017 Data Dashboard for enrollment, with sibling demand of 170 applying for seats next year, wait list, and percentages of gifted and talented students.**
- **Dr. Gott said it would be an opportunity to shape the future with high enrollment numbers that show interest and desire for gifted education at PSA.**
- **Dr. Gott indicated that the charter needed to be updated this summer with relevant goals and objectives for the future.**
- **Dr. Gott mentioned fundraising options to help alleviate budget shortfalls, technology refresh, arts infrastructure and athletic facility improvements.**

IX. Military Set Aside – Dr. Tim Gott

- **Dr. Tim Gott stated that the set aside ratio for military children is 7% over-all enrollment for next year.**
- **Lt. Colonel Ralph (ET) Taylor volunteered to research whether the 7% overall count may include dependents of civil service employees.**
- **Dr. Tim Gott stated that the rent-free on JBC property may take years under a status quo process.**
- **Military families in the pool for attendance at PSA may not be at the 20% level for each grade.**

- **Dr. Jean Chandler asked if any class is lacking the 20% enrollment due to inadequate military demand would the rent ratio reflect this variable.**
- **ACTION: Lt. Colonel Ralph ET Taylor and Dr. Tim Gott will meet with base leadership to review expectations, receive clarification on civilian and other federal workforce dependents, and discuss ways to market PSA set aside within USAF/JBC legal authorities.**

X. Academic Excellence Committee- Dr. Tim Gott

- **Dr. Tim Gott discussed the Citadel/PSA collaboration initiative that included shared values, training opportunities, and support for advanced sciences.**
- **The Citadel team is interested in any of PSA's "innovative ideas" and can help with external funding opportunities including addressing faculty professional development needs.**
- **The Citadel team showed an interest in providing an objective, third-party needs-based assessment for the school.**
- **The next steps include sharing contact information; start conversations in mid-August on collaboration; and share summer professional development opportunities with faculty.**
- **Captain Ken Ryan made an appeal that input is welcomed on the questions being asked of PSA students in their first year of college concerning academic rigor and readiness for college work in order to shore up any perceived deficiencies in PSA's curriculum or courses.**
- **Dr. Jean Chandler asked for help in creating a social and emotional survey of current students based on feedback created by a former board member's negative experiences with social/emotional issues at PSA.**
- **Dr. Kristen French (from the audience) volunteered to suggest a social scientist who might be able to help with the social and emotional survey.**

XI. Contract with St. Leo University to hold evening college classes at PSA- Dr. Tim Gott

- **Dr. Tim Gott asked for approval on a contract with St. Leo University for evening use of the PSA facilities**
- **Mr. Jack Moore inquired about several issues with the contract and had his questions answered satisfactorily.**
- **Dr. Marilyn Schaffner made a motion to approve the contract with St. Leo University to use the PSA facilities after hours for college classes,**

and Lt. Colonel Ralph ET Taylor seconded the motion. The following board members voted to approve the motion to approve the St. Leo University contract: Dr. Mark Bowden; Ms. Alys Campaigne; Dr. Jean Chandler ; Mr. Rob Fifield; Mr. Walter Loiselle; Mr. Jack Moore; Ms. Tiffany Provence; Mr. Ken Ryan; Dr. Marilyn Schaffner; Mr. Stephen Slifer; and Lt. Colonel Ralph ET Taylor.

XII. PSA Course and Class Approval for 2016-2017 School Year- Dr. Tim Gott

- **Dr. Tim Gott discussed the Accelerate Partnership with the SC Governor's School of Science and Math for a three-year collaboration focused on engineering for the beginning sophomore experience.**
- **Seven students will participate this year, and the course will be taught live via teleconferencing with the GSSM faculty through Clemson University to include ENGR 1490 in the fall and ENGR 1510 in the spring along with Pre-Calculus Honors.**
- **Dr. Tim Gott asked for approval of the Senior Capstone Project, which is an individualized culminating experience completed in the senior year.**
- **The Senior Capstone Project is similar to a college-level research paper and requires students to select a topic, conduct research, collect findings and results, create a final project, give an oral defense to faculty and experts by presenting the work in a culminating showcase.**
- **Dr. Gott asked that the following College of Charleston classes be approved:**
 - **POLI150 (Introduction to Political Thought)**
 - **PSYC103 (Introduction to Psychological Science)**
 - **MATH220 (Calculus II)**
 - **HIST115 (Pre-modern History)**
 - **PHIL101 (Introduction to Philosophy)**
 - **PSYC103 (Introduction to Psychological Science)**
 - **MUSC222(Special Topics for Non-Majors)**
 - **COMM104 (Public Speaking)**
 - **MATH103 (Contemporary Math with APPLICATION)**
 - **ARTS319 (Drawing II)**
 - **JPNS103 (Elementary Japanese)**
 - **PORT 201 (Inter Portuguese Conversation)**

Trident Technical College Classes asked to be approved include:

- **Industrial Mechanical Technology: IMT 105; IMT 161; IMT 210; IMT 211**
- **Culinary Arts: CUL 104 and CUL 105**
- **History: HIS 104**

- **Dr. Marilyn Schaffner made a motion to approve all courses requested by Dr. Tim Gott, and Mr. Jack Moore seconded the motion.**
- **The following board members voted to approve all courses requested by Dr. Tim Gott: Dr. Mark Bowden; Ms. Alys Campaigne; Dr. Jean Chandler ; Mr. Rob Fifield; Mr. Walter Loiselle; Mr. Jack Moore; Ms. Tiffany Provence; Mr. Ken Ryan; Dr. Marilyn Schaffner; Mr. Stephen Slifer; and Lt. Colonel Ralph ET Taylor.**

XIII. Introduction of New Board Members- Dr. Jean Chandler

- **Dr. Jean Chandler asked each new board member to give a brief introduction to include the following:**
- 1. Mr. Stephen Slifer was the Chief U.S. Economist for Lehman Brothers in New York City from 1980 until his retirement in 2003. Prior to that, Steve spent a decade as a senior economist at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C., forecasting growth in the money supply. Steve has written two books about how to forecast economic activity. Steve also writes a regular bi-weekly economics column for the *Charleston Regional Business Journal*. Mr. Slifer was voted the top economist by *Institutional Investor magazine* five years in a row and in 1997 was named as one of the top 100 "Faces to Watch in the Next Millennium." He has a Masters and Bachelor of Science in Honors Economics from University of Maryland-College Park and an additional Masters in Economics from George Washington University.**

 - 2. Ms. Alyssondra (Alys) Campaigne is the parent of a 6th grader and a rising freshman at Academic Magnet High School and has been actively involved with charter schools. She is a founding principal at *Engage Strategies*, a policy and strategic consulting firm. She served on the Governing Board of East Cooper Montessori Charter School from**

2009-2012 including a term as chair. Alys moved to the area after spending a decade in Washington, DC helping create and lead the External Affairs department of the Center for American Progress, a nationally influential think tank, working as Legislative Director for the Natural Resources Defense Council, and as a Legislative Aide in the U.S. House and Senate. Alys holds degrees with honors from Wesleyan University and New York University.

- 3. Dr. Gem Courtney Thomerson is a Gifted and Talented Curriculum Specialist and talented GT presenter. Dr. Thomerson was Director of Vanderbilt Programs for Talented Youth in Nashville, Tennessee from 2012-2014. She has been an Instructor of Graduate-Level Gifted Endorsement Courses for Converse College, SC State University, and Charleston Southern University. She is currently a teacher at Rollings Middle School of the Arts in Summerville. She is a Dorchester Two Scholars Program Administrator for summer programs for highly gifted students and supports instructors in effective curriculum and instructional methods appropriate for highly gifted learners. She designs, coordinates, and leads professional development in gifted education for educators, administrators and guidance counselors at the national, state and regional conferences. Dr. Thomerson holds a doctorate from the University of South Carolina in Curriculum and Instruction; a specialist degree from The Citadel; a Masters of Education from Columbia College, and a Bachelor of Science from Charleston Southern University- summa cum laude. Gem is no stranger to our teachers. She has worked with PSA staff for several years helping many of our teachers become gifted and talented endorsed.**

- 4. Dr. Mark Bowden has a daughter in grade 7 at PSA. He is Associate Professor in the Department of Health Sciences and Research at MUSC and Director of the Physical Therapy Neurologic Residency Program. He graduated with a B.S. from Duke University in Psychology and a Masters in Physical Therapy. He holds a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation and Movement Science. Dr. Bowden was honored as Developing Scholar of the Year, MUSC College of Health Professors. In 2013, he captured the Eugene Michels New Investigator Award. He is adept at leadership, grant writing and research. A sports enthusiast, he has coached youth basketball for the past five years, served on the board for the Dunes**

West Swim Team, and currently coach middle school basketball at Ashley Hall.

- 5. Mr. Walter Loiselle is Chief Operating Officer of the Enterprise Division and Senior Vice President of Blackbaud, the national leading provider of nonprofit fund-raising software and services. He is an accomplished senior-level technology and operations executive with a twenty plus year track record of successful strategic and tactical leadership. He has extensive experience in identifying, architecting, implementing and supporting large scale professional servicers, development, and operational organizations. He is noted for having a positive and evangelistic leadership style with highly effective planning, organization and communications skills, often utilized to ‘turn around’ challenged aspects of the business. He has demonstrated ability to drive groups to a unified vision while working with cross-channel partners, in a team approach, based on trust and mutual respect. He holds a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Rhode Island College and has been an adjunct professor in computer science at Roger Williams University, a private liberal arts university located in Bristol, Rhode Island.**

- 6. Ms. Tiffany Provence has a 6th and 7th grader at PSA. She is currently presiding over the Dorchester County Drug Court. Prior to that, she was a Probate Judge for Dorchester County. She is a lifelong resident of Summerville, S.C. and Founder and Managing Partner, Provence Messervy LLC. Ms. Provence graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Doctor of Law Degree (J.D.) and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications from the University of Florida School of Journalism with a concentration in Business Communication, Media Management and Advertising. Her experience includes being a Law Professor at both the Charleston School of Law and Trident Technical College. Her lecture topics include Legal Ethics, Fiduciary Administration, and Mediation and Negotiation. Tiffany has served on the Board of Directors for Sculpture in the South and enjoys writing articles and blogs on legal, community interest and travel topics.**

XIV. Approval of April 14, 2016 PSA Board Minutes- Captain Ken Ryan

- **Dr. Marilyn Schaffner questioned the wording and tone of one item concerning Dr. Marty Hale's husband open session comments at the April 14th board meeting.**
- **The wording and tone were adjusted in the final review of the minutes.**
- **Dr. Marilyn Schaffner made a motion to approve the April 14, 2016 PSA Board Minutes, and Mr. Jack Moore seconded the motion.**
- **The following board members voted to approve the board minutes for April 14, 2016: Dr. Mark Bowden; Ms. Alys Campaigne; Dr. Jean Chandler ; Mr. Rob Fifield; Mr. Walter Loiselle; Mr. Jack Moore; Ms. Tiffany Provence; Mr. Ken Ryan; Dr. Marilyn Schaffner; Mr. Stephen Slifer; and Lt. Colonel Ralph ET Taylor.**

XV. Approval of February and March 2016 Financials- Mr. Rob Fifield

- **Dr. Marilyn Schaffner made a motion to approve the February and March 2016 Financial Statements, and Ms. Alys Campaigne seconded the motion.**
- **The following board members voted to approve the February and March 2016 Financial Statements: Dr. Mark Bowden; Ms. Alys Campaigne; Dr. Jean Chandler ; Mr. Rob Fifield; Mr. Walter Loiselle; Mr. Jack Moore; Ms. Tiffany Provence; Mr. Ken Ryan; Dr. Marilyn Schaffner; Mr. Stephen Slifer; and Lt. Colonel Ralph ET Taylor.**

XVI. Approval of 2016-2017 PSA Proposed Budget- Mr. Rob Fifield

- **Dr. Marilyn Schaffner made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 PSA Proposed Budget, and Ms. Alys Campaigne seconded the motion.**
- **The following board members voted to approve the 2016-2017 PSA Proposed Budget: Dr. Mark Bowden; Ms. Alys Campaigne; Dr. Jean Chandler ; Mr. Rob Fifield; Mr. Walter Loiselle; Mr. Jack Moore; Ms. Tiffany Provence; Mr. Ken Ryan; Dr. Marilyn Schaffner; Mr. Stephen Slifer; and Lt. Colonel Ralph ET Taylor.**

XVII. Approval of a Change to the Capitalization Policy to reduce payment of \$5,000 to \$500.

- **Mr. Jack Moore made a motion to approve a Change to the Capitalization Policy, and Dr. Marilyn Schaffner seconded the motion.**

- **The following board members voted to approve a Change to the Capitalization Policy: Dr. Mark Bowden; Ms. Alys Campaigne; Dr. Jean Chandler ; Mr. Rob Fifield; Mr. Walter Loiselle; Mr. Jack Moore; Ms. Tiffany Provence; Mr. Ken Ryan; Dr. Marilyn Schaffner; Mr. Stephen Slifer; and Lt. Colonel Ralph ET Taylor.**

XVIII. Election of PSA Board Officers (Chair, Secretary and Treasures) - Captain Ken Ryan (Acting Secretary)

- **Captain Ken Ryan announced the election of officers.**
- **The original vote for chairman of the board gave Mr. Jack Moore 6 votes and Dr. Jean Chandler 6 votes for a tie.**
- **Dr. Dave Eslinger (in the audience) asked a late arriving board member to abstain the vote for chairman.**
- **The board member finally consented to do so, and the Mr. Jack Moore got 6 votes and Dr. Jean Chandler got 5 votes.**
- **Mr. Jack Moore was declared the new chairman of the PSA Board.**
- **Dr. Marilyn Schaffner was unopposed for secretary.**
- **Mr. Rob Fifield consented to serve as treasurer until October 2016 when his term expires since no one was willing to run for treasurer.**

XIX. Adjournment

- **Dr. Jean Chandler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Captain Ken Ryan seconded the motion.**
- **The following board members voted to adjourn the meeting: Dr. Mark Bowden; Ms. Alys Campaigne; Dr. Jean Chandler ; Mr. Rob Fifield; Mr. Walter Loiselle; Mr. Jack Moore; Ms. Tiffany Provence; Mr. Ken Ryan; Dr. Marilyn Schaffner; Mr. Stephen Slifer; and Lt. Colonel Ralph ET Taylor.**